

# **D-Link DES-3250TG**

**48-Port 10/100 Ethernet Switch  
With 2 Gigabit Combo Ports**

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# 1

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## ***INTRODUCTION***

This section describes the functionality features of the DES-3250TG.

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### **Features**

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The DES-3250TG switch was designed for easy installation and high performance in an environment where traffic on the network and the number of users increase continuously.

DES-3250TG switch features include:

### ***Ports***

- Forty-eight high-performance NWay ports all operating at 10/100 Mbps for connecting to end stations, servers and hubs.
- All 48 10/100 UTP ports can auto-negotiate (NWay) between 10Mbps/100Mbps, half duplex or full duplex.
- Two Combo Ports, which includes two fixed 10/100/1000 ports, but will be disabled if the mini-GBIC ports for fiber gigabit is used. For example, if port

49x is used on the Mini GBIC module, port 49x is not available on the 1000BASE-T module, and vice versa.

- RS-232 DCE Diagnostic port (console port) for setting up and managing the Switch via a connection to a console terminal or PC using a terminal emulation program.

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## Performance Features

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- Store-and-forward switching scheme.
- Full- and half-duplex for both 10Mbps and 100Mbps connections. The front Gigabit Ethernet port operates at full duplex only. Full duplex allows the switch port to simultaneously transmit and receive data, and only works with connections to full-duplex capable end stations and switches. Connections to hubs must take place at half-duplex.
- Auto-polarity detection and correction of incorrect polarity on the transmit and receive twisted-pair at each port (Auto-MDI/MDIX).
- IEEE 802.3z compliant for Mini-GBIC ports (optional SFP module).
- IEEE 802.3ab compliant for 1000BASE-T (Copper) Gigabit ports.
- Data forwarding rate 14,880 pps per port at 100% of wire-speed for 10Mbps speed.
- Data forwarding rate 148,800 pps per port at 100% of wire-speed for 100Mbps speed.

- Data filtering rate eliminates all error packets, runs, etc. at 14,880 pps per port at 100% of wire-speed for 10Mbps speed.
- Data filtering rate eliminates all error packets, runs, etc. at 148,800 pps per port at 100% of wire-speed for 100Mbps speed.
- 8K active MAC address entry table per device with automatic learning and aging (10 to 1,000,000 seconds).
- 64 MB packet buffer per device.
- Supports Port Mirroring.
- Supports Port Trunking.
- 802.1D Spanning Tree support.
- 802.1Q Tagged VLAN support – up to 255 VLANs per device (one VLAN is reserved for internal use).
- GVRP – (GARP VLAN Registration Protocol) support for dynamic VLAN registration.
- 802.1p Priority support with 4 priority queues.
- IGMP Snooping support.

## ***Traffic Classification and Prioritization***

- Based on 802.1p priority bits.
- Four priority queues.

## ***Management***

- RS-232 console port for out-of-band network management via a console terminal or PC.
- Spanning Tree Algorithm Protocol for creation of alternative backup paths and prevention of network loops.
- SNMP V1 and V2C are supported.
- Fully configurable in-band control for SNMP based software.
- Flash memory for software upgrades. This can be done in-band via TFTP or out-of-band via the console.
- Built-in SNMP management:
  - SNMP V2-MIB (RFC 1907).
  - Bridge MIB (RFC 1493).
  - MIB-II (RFC 1213).
  - IF MIB (RFC 2233).
  - Entity MIB (RFC 2737).
  - RMON MIB (RFC 1757) – 4 groups. The RMON specification defines the Counters for the Receive function only. However, the DES-3250TG implements counters for both receive and transmit functions.
  - 802.1p MIB (RFC 2674).
  - Ether-Like MIB (RFC 2358) – dot3StatsTable.

- Supports Web-based management.
- CLI management support.
- TFTP support.
- BOOTP support.
- DHCP Client support.
- Password enabled.

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## Fast Ethernet Technology

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100Mbps Fast Ethernet (or 100BASE-T) is a standard specified by the IEEE 802.3 LAN committee. It is an extension of the 10Mbps Ethernet standard with the ability to transmit and receive data at 100Mbps, while maintaining the Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Ethernet protocol.

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## Gigabit Ethernet Technology

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Gigabit Ethernet is an extension of IEEE 802.3 Ethernet utilizing the same packet structure, format, and support for CSMA/CD protocol, full duplex, flow control, and management objects, but with a tenfold increase in theoretical throughput over 100Mbps Fast Ethernet and a one hundred-fold increase over 10Mbps Ethernet. Since it is compatible with all 10Mbps and 100Mbps Ethernet environments, Gigabit Ethernet provides a straightforward upgrade without wasting a company's existing investment in hardware, software, and trained personnel.

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## ***UNPACKING AND SETUP***

This chapter provides unpacking and setup information for the DES-3250TG switch.

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### **Unpacking**

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Open the shipping carton of the DES-3250TG switch and carefully unpack its contents. The carton should contain the following items:

- One DES-3250TG Standalone Layer 2 Switch
- Mounting kit: 2 mounting brackets and screws
- Four rubber feet with adhesive backing
- One AC power cord
- This Manual

If any item is missing or damaged, please contact your local D-Link reseller for replacement.

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## Installation

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Use the following guidelines when choosing a place to install the DES-3250TG switch:

- The surface must support at least 6 pounds (3 kg)
- The power outlet should be within 6 feet (1.82 meters) of the device
- Visually inspect the power cord and see that it is secured to the AC power connector
- Make sure that there is adequate ventilation around the switch for proper heat dissipation. Do not place heavy objects on the switch

### ***Desktop or Shelf Installation***

When installing the DES-3250TG switch on a desktop or shelf, the rubber feet included with the device should first be attached. Attach these cushioning feet on the bottom at each corner of the device. Allow adequate space for ventilation between the device and the objects around it.

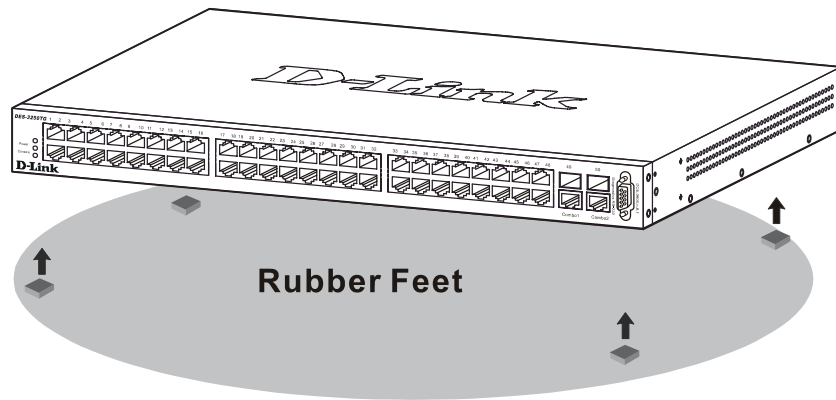


Figure 2-1. Installing rubber feet for desktop installation

## ***Rack Installation***

The DES-3250TG can be mounted in an EIA standard-sized, 19-inch rack, which can be placed in a wiring closet with other equipment. To install, attach the mounting brackets on the switch's side panels (one on each side) and secure them with the screws provided.

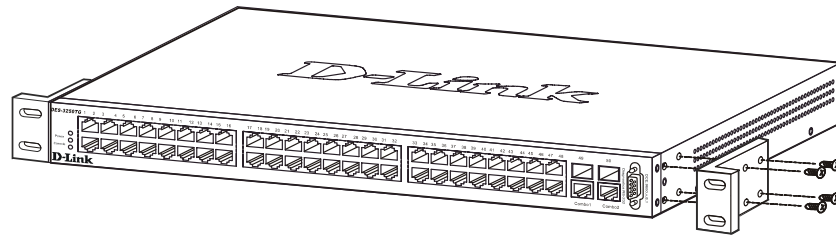
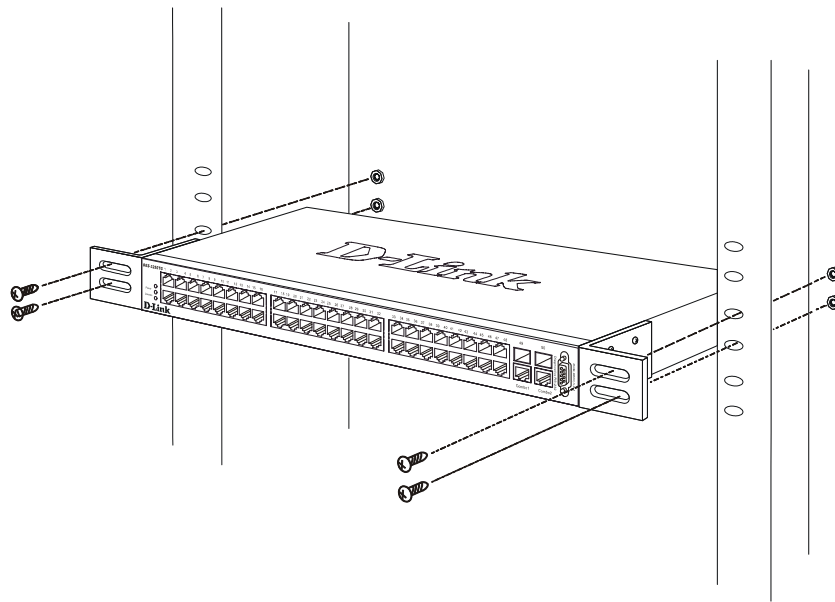


Figure 2- 2. Attaching the mounting brackets to the switch

Then, use the screws provided with the equipment rack to mount the switch on the rack.





**Figure 2-3. Installing the switch on an equipment rack**

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## Power on

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The DES-3250TG switch can be used with AC power supply 100 - 240 VAC, 50 - 60 Hz. The power switch is located at the rear of the unit adjacent to the AC power connector and the system fan. The switch's power supply will adjust to the local power source automatically and may be turned on without having any or all LAN segment cables connected.

After the power switch is turned on, the LED indicators should respond as follows:

- All LED indicators will momentarily blink. This blinking of the LED indicators represents a reset of the system
- The power LED indicator is always on after the power is turned ON
- The console LED indicator will blink while the Switch loads onboard software and performs a self-test. It will remain ON if there is a connection at the RS-232 port, otherwise this LED indicator is OFF

## ***Power Failure***

As a precaution in the event of a power failure, unplug the switch. When the power supply is restored, plug the switch back in.

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## IDENTIFYING EXTERNAL COMPONENTS

This chapter describes the front panel, rear panel, side panels, and optional plug-in module, and LED indicators of the DES-3250TG.

### Front Panel

The front panel of the Switch consists of LED indicators, an RS-232 communication port, 48 (10/100 Mbps) Ethernet/Fast Ethernet ports, and a pair of Gigabit Ethernet Combo ports for 1000BASE-T (plug-in module provided) and Mini-GBIC connections (optional plug-in module).

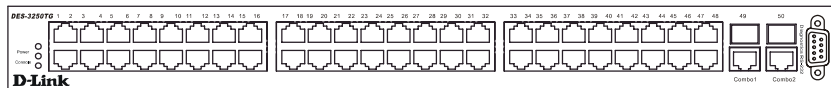


Figure 3-1. Front panel view of the Switch

- Comprehensive LED indicators display the status of the switch and the network (see the *LED Indicators* section below).

- An RS-232 DCE console port for setting up and managing the switch via a connection to a console terminal or PC using a terminal emulation program.
- Forty-eight high-performance NWay Ethernet ports, all of which operate at 10/100 Mbps for connections to end stations, servers and hubs. All ports can auto-negotiate between 10Mbps or 100Mbps and full or half duplex.
- Two Gigabit Ethernet Combo ports for making 1000BASE-T and Mini-GBIC connections.

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## Rear Panel

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The rear panel of the switch consists of two fans and an AC power connector.



**Figure 3-2. Rear panel view of the Switch**

The system fans are used to dissipate heat. The sides of the system also provide heat vents to serve the same purpose. Do not block these openings, and leave at least 6 inches of space at the rear and sides of the switch for proper ventilation. Be reminded that without proper heat dissipation and air circulation, system components might overheat, which could lead to system failure. The AC power connector is a standard three-pronged connector that supports the power cord. Plug-in the female connector of the provided power cord into this socket, and the male side of the cord into a power outlet. Supported input voltages range from 100 ~ 240 VAC at 50 ~ 60 Hz.

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## Side Panels

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Each side panel contains heat vents to help to dissipate heat.



**Figure 3-3. Side panel views of the Switch**

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## Gigabit Combo Ports

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In addition to the 48 10/100 Mbps ports, the Switch features two Gigabit Ethernet Combo ports. These two ports are 1000BASE-T copper ports (fixed) and Mini-GBIC ports (optional). See the diagram below to view the two Mini-GBIC port modules being plugged into the Switch. Please note that although these two front panel modules can be used simultaneously, the ports must be different. For example, if

port 50x is used on the Mini-GBIC module, port 50x is not available on the 1000BASE-T module, and vice versa.

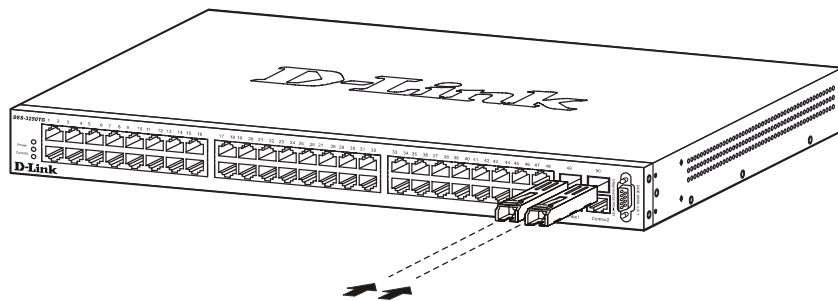


Figure 3-4. Mini-GBIC modules plug-in to the Switch

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## LED Indicators

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The LED indicators of the Switch include Power, Console, and Link/Act. The following shows the LED indicators for the Switch along with an explanation of each indicator.

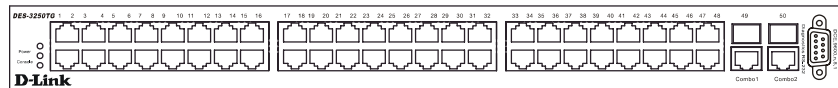


Figure 3-5. The LED Indicators

- **Power** – This indicator on the front panel should be lit during the Power-On Self Test (POST). It will light green approximately 2 seconds after the switch is powered on to indicate the ready state of the device.
- **Console** – This indicator is lit green when the switch is being managed via local console management through the RS-232 console port.

- **Link/Act** – These indicators are located to the left and right of each port. They are lit when there is a secure connection (or link) to a device at any of the ports. The LEDs blink whenever there is reception or transmission (i.e. Activity--Act) of data occurring at a port.

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## ***CONNECTING THE SWITCH***

This chapter describes how to connect the DES-3250TG to your Ethernet/Fast Ethernet/Gigabit Ethernet network. The Switch's auto-detection feature allows all 48 10/100 ports to support both MDI-II and MDI-X connections.

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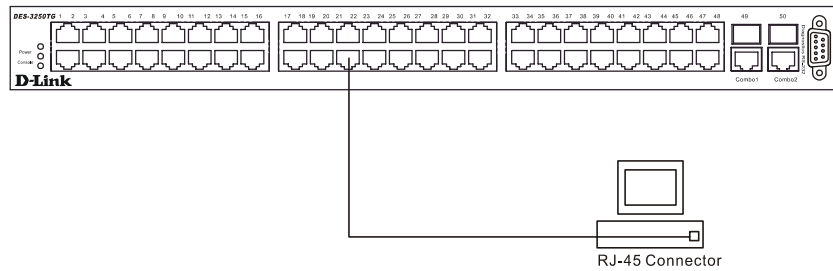
### **Switch to End Node**

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End nodes include PCs outfitted with a 10, 100, or 10/100 Mbps RJ-45 Ethernet/Fast Ethernet Network Interface Card (NIC) and most routers.

An end node can be connected to the Switch via a two-pair Category 3, 4, or 5 UTP/STP cable. The end node should be connected to any of the ports (1x - 48x) on the switch.





**Figure 4-1. Switch connected to an End Node**

- The Link/Act LEDs in the top row for each UTP port light green when the link is valid. A blinking LED in the top row indicates packet activity on that port.

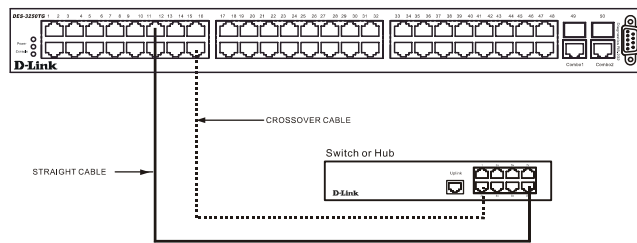
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## Switch to Hub or Switch

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These connections can be accomplished in a number of ways using a normal cable.

- A 10BASE-T hub or switch can be connected to the Switch via a two-pair Category 3, 4 or 5 UTP/STP cable.
- A 100BASE-TX hub or switch can be connected to the Switch via a two-pair Category 5 UTP/STP cable.



**Figure 4-2. Switch connected to a port on a hub or switch using a straight or crossover cable**

## ***10BASE-T Device***

For a 10BASE-T device, the Switch's LED indicators should display the following:

- Link/Act indicator is *ON*.

## ***100BASE-TX Device***

For a 100BASE-TX device, the Switch's LED indicators should display the following:

- Link/Act is *ON*.

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# ***SWITCH MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONCEPTS***

This chapter discusses many of the concepts and features used to manage the switch, as well as the concepts necessary for the user to understand the functioning of the switch. Further, this chapter explains many important points regarding these features.

Configuring the switch to implement these concepts and make use of its many features is discussed in detail in the next chapters.

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## **Local Console Management**

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A local console is a terminal or a workstation running a terminal emulation program that is connected directly to the switch via the RS-232 serial console port on the front of the switch. A console connection is referred to as an 'Out-of-Band' connection, meaning that console is connected to the switch using a different circuit than that used for normal network communications. So, the console can be used to set up and manage the switch even if the network is down.

Local console management uses the terminal connection to operate the console program built-in to the switch. A network administrator can manage, control, and monitor the switch from the console program.

The DES-3250TG contains a CPU, memory for data storage, flash memory for configuration data, operational programs, and SNMP agent firmware. These components allow the switch to be actively managed and monitored from either the console port or the network itself (out-of-band, or in-band).

## ***Diagnostic (console) port (RS-232 DCE)***

Out-of-band management requires connecting a terminal, such as a VT-100 or a PC running a terminal emulation program (such as HyperTerminal, which is automatically installed with Microsoft Windows) to the RS-232 DCE console port of the Switch. Switch management using the RS-232 DCE console port is called *Local Console Management* to differentiate it from management performed via management platforms, such as D-View, HP OpenView, etc. *Web-based Management* describes management of the switch performed over the network (in-band) using the switch's built-in Web-based management program). The operations to be performed and the facilities provided by these two built-in programs are identical.

***The console port is set at the factory for the following configuration:***

- Baud rate: 9,600
- Data width: 8 bits
- Parity: none
- Stop bits: 1
- Flow Control: None

Make sure the terminal or PC you are using to make this connection is configured to match these settings.

If you are having problems making this connection on a PC, make sure the emulation is set to VT-100. If you still don't see anything, try hitting <Ctrl> + r to refresh the screen.

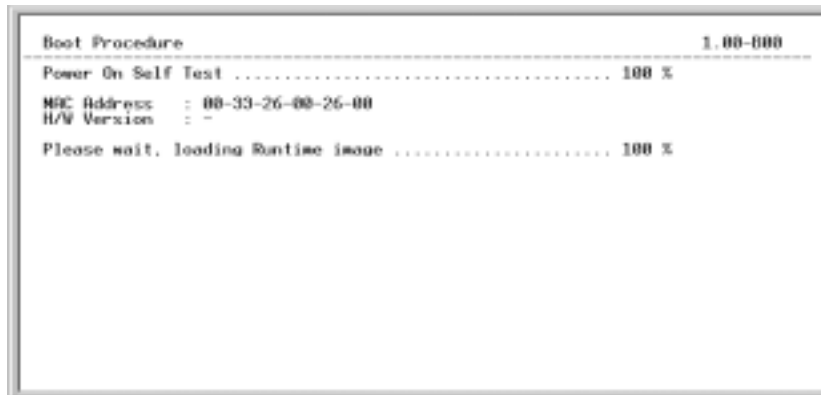
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## Switch IP Address

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Each Switch must be assigned its own IP Address, which is used for communication with an SNMP network manager or other TCP/IP application (for example BOOTP, TFTP). The switch's default IP address is 10.90.90.90. You can change the default Switch IP Address to meet the specification of your networking address scheme.

The switch is also assigned a unique MAC address by the factory. This MAC address cannot be changed, and can be found from the initial boot console screen – shown below.



```
Boot Procedure                                     1.00-000
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Power On Self Test ..... 100 %
MAC Address   : 00-33-26-00-26-00
H/W Version   : -
Please wait, loading Runtime image ..... 100 %
```

**Figure 5-1. Console Boot Screen**

The switch's MAC address can also be found from the console program under the Switch Information menu item, as shown below.

## Setting an IP Address

The IP address for the switch must be set before it can be managed with the web-based manager. The switch IP address may be automatically set using BOOTP or DHCP protocols, in which case the actual address assigned to the switch must be known.

***The IP address may alternatively be set using the Command Line Interface (CLI) over the console serial port as follows:***

1. Starting at the command line prompt **local>**, enter the commands **config ipif System ipaddress xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx/yyy.yyy.yyy.yyy**. Where the **x**'s represent the IP address to be assigned to the IP interface named **System** and the **y**'s represent the corresponding subnet mask.
2. Alternatively, you can enter the commands **config ipif system ipaddress xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx/z**. Where the **x**'s represent the IP address to be assigned to the IP interface named **System** and the **z** represents the corresponding number of subnets in CIDR notation.

Using this method, the switch can be assigned an IP address and subnet mask that can then be used to connect a management station to the switch's Web-based management agent.

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## SNMP

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The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is an OSI layer 7 (the application layer) protocol for remotely monitoring and configuring network devices. SNMP enables network management stations to read and modify the settings of gateways, routers, switches, and other network devices. SNMP can be used to perform many of the same functions as a directly connected console, or can be used within an integrated network management software package such as DView.

***SNMP performs the following functions:***

- Sending and receiving SNMP packets through the IP protocol.
- Collecting information about the status and current configuration of network devices.
- Modifying the configuration of network devices.

The DES-3250TG has a software program called an 'agent' that processes SNMP requests, but the user program that makes the requests and collects the responses runs on a management station (a designated computer on the network). The SNMP agent and the user program both use the UDP/IP protocol to exchange packets.

### Authentication

The authentication protocol ensures that both the router SNMP agent and the remote user SNMP application program discard packets from unauthorized users. Authentication is accomplished using 'community strings', which function like passwords. The remote user SNMP application and the router SNMP must use the same community string.

## Traps

Traps are messages that alert network personnel of events that occur on the Switch. The events can be as serious as a reboot (someone accidentally turned OFF the Switch), or less serious like a port status change. The Switch generates traps and sends them to the trap recipient (or network manager).

Trap recipients are special users of the network who are given certain rights and access in overseeing the maintenance of the network. Trap recipients will receive traps sent from the Switch; they must immediately take certain actions to avoid future failure or breakdown of the network.

You can also specify which network managers may receive traps from the Switch by entering a list of the IP addresses of authorized network managers. Up to four trap recipient IP addresses, and four corresponding SNMP community strings can be entered.

SNMP community strings function like passwords in that the community string entered for a given IP address must be used in the management station software, or a trap will be sent.

The following are trap types the switch can send to a trap recipient:

- **Cold Start** – This trap signifies that the Switch has been powered up and initialized such that software settings are reconfigured and hardware systems are rebooted. A cold start is different from a factory reset in that configuration settings saved to non-volatile RAM used to reconfigure the switch.
- **Warm Start** – This trap signifies that the Switch has been rebooted, however the POST (Power On Self-Test) is skipped.



- **Authentication Failure** – This trap signifies that someone has tried to logon to the switch using an invalid SNMP community string. The switch automatically stores the source IP address of the unauthorized user.
- **Topology Change** – A Topology Change trap is sent by the Switch when any of its configured ports transitions from the Learning state to the Forwarding state, or from the Forwarding state to the Blocking state. The trap is not sent if a new root trap is sent for the same transition.
- **Link Change Event** – This trap is sent whenever the link of a port changes from link up to link down or from link down to link up.

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## MIBs

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Management and counter information are stored in the Switch in the Management Information Base (MIB). The Switch uses the standard MIB-II Management Information Base module. Consequently, values for MIB objects can be retrieved from any SNMP-based network management software. In addition to the standard MIB-II, the Switch also supports its own proprietary enterprise MIB as an extended Management Information Base. These MIBs may also be retrieved by specifying the MIB's Object-Identity (OID) at the network manager. MIB values can be either read-only or read-write.

Read-only MIBs variables can be either constants that are programmed into the Switch, or variables that change while the Switch is in operation. Examples of read-only constants are the number of port and type of ports. Examples of read-only variables are the statistics counters such as the number of

errors that have occurred, or how many kilobytes of data have been received and forwarded through a port.

Read-write MIBs are variables usually related to user-customized configurations. Examples of these are the Switch's IP Address, Spanning Tree Algorithm parameters, and port status.

If you use a third-party vendors' SNMP software to manage the Switch, a diskette listing the Switch's propriety enterprise MIBs can be obtained by request. If your software provides functions to browse or modify MIBs, you can also get the MIB values and change them (if the MIBs' attributes permit the write operation). This process however can be quite involved, since you must know the MIB OIDs and retrieve them one by one.

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## Packet Forwarding

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The Switch enters the relationship between destination MAC or IP addresses and the Ethernet port or gateway router the destination resides on into its forwarding table. This information is then used to forward packets. This reduces the traffic congestion on the network, because packets, instead of being transmitted to all ports, are transmitted to the destination port only. Example: if Port 1 receives a packet destined for a station on Port 2, the Switch transmits that packet through Port 2 only, and transmits nothing through the other ports. This process is referred to as 'learning' the network topology.

### MAC Address Aging Time

The Aging Time affects the learning process of the Switch. Dynamic forwarding table entries, which are made up of the source MAC addresses and their associated port numbers, are

deleted from the table if they are not accessed within the aging time.

The aging time can be from 10 to 1,000,000 seconds with a default value of 300 seconds. A very long aging time can result in dynamic forwarding table entries that are out-of-date or no longer exist. This may cause incorrect packet forwarding decisions by the switch.

If the Aging Time is too short however, many entries may be aged out too soon. This will result in a high percentage of received packets whose source addresses cannot be found in the forwarding table, in which case the switch will broadcast the packet to all ports, negating many of the benefits of having a switch.

Static forwarding entries are not affected by the aging time.

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## Filtering

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The switch uses a filtering database to segment the network and control communication between segments. It can also filter packets off the network for intrusion control. Static filtering entries can be made by MAC Address filtering.

Each port on the switch is a unique collision domain and the switch filters (discards) packets whose destination lies on the same port as where it originated. This keeps local packets from disrupting communications on other parts of the network.

For intrusion control, whenever a switch encounters a packet originating from or destined to a MAC address entered into the filter table, the switch will discard the packet.

***Some filtering is done automatically by the switch:***

- Dynamic filtering – automatic learning and aging of MAC addresses and their location on the network. Filtering occurs to keep local traffic confined to its segment.
- Filtering done by the Spanning Tree Protocol, which can filter packets based on topology, making sure that signal loops don't occur.
- Filtering done for VLAN integrity. Packets from a member of a VLAN (VLAN 2, for example) destined for a device on another VLAN (VLAN 3) will be filtered.

***Some filtering requires the manual entry of information into a filtering table:***

- MAC address filtering – the manual entry of specific MAC addresses to be filtered from the network. Packets sent from one manually entered MAC address can be filtered from the network. The entry may be specified as a source, a destination, or both.

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## Spanning Tree

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The IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol allows for the blocking of links between switches that form loops within the network. When multiple links between switches are detected, a primary link is established. Duplicated links are blocked from use and become standby links. The protocol allows for the duplicate links to be used in the event of a failure of the primary link. Once the Spanning Tree Protocol is configured and enabled, primary links are established and duplicated links are blocked automatically. The reactivation of the blocked links (at the time of a primary link failure) is also accomplished automatically – without operator intervention.

The DES-3250TG STP allows two levels of spanning trees to be configured. The first level constructs a spanning tree on the links between switches. This is referred to as the **Switch** or **Global** level. The second level is on a port group basis. Groups of ports are configured as being members of a spanning tree and the algorithm and protocol are applied to the group of ports. This is referred to as the **Port** or **VLAN** level.

On the switch level, STP calculates the Bridge Identifier for each switch and then sets the Root Bridge and the Designated Bridges.

On the port level, STP sets the Root Port and the Designated Ports.

The following are the user-configurable STP parameters for the switch level:

Parameter	Description	Default Value
Bridge Identifier (Not user-configurable except by setting priority below)	A combination of the User-set priority and the switch's MAC address. The Bridge Identifier consists of two parts: a 16-bit priority and a 48-bit Ethernet MAC address	32768 + MAC
Priority	A relative priority for each switch – lower numbers give a higher priority and a greater chance of a given switch being elected as the root bridge	32768
Hello Time	The length of time between broadcasts of the hello message by the switch	2 seconds
Maximum Age Timer	Measures the age of a received BPDU for a port	20 seconds

Timer		and ensures that the BPDU is discarded when its age exceeds the value of the maximum age timer.	
Forward Delay Timer	Delay	The amount time spent by a port in the learning and listening states waiting for a BPDU that may return the port to the blocking state.	15 seconds

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**Table 5-4. STP Parameters – Switch Level**

The following are the user-configurable STP parameters for the port or port group level:

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Default Value</b>
Port Priority	A relative priority for each port – lower numbers give a higher priority and a greater chance of a given port being elected as the root port	128
Port Cost	A value used by STP to evaluate paths – STP calculates path costs and selects the path with the minimum cost as the active path.	19 – 100Mbps Fast Ethernet ports 10 – 1000Mbps Gigabit Ethernet ports

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**Table 5-5. STP Parameters – Port Group Level**

## Bridge Protocol Data Units

For STP to arrive at a stable network topology, the following information is used:

- The unique switch identifier
- The path cost to the root associated with each switch port
- The port identifier

STP communicates between switches on the network using Bridge Protocol Data Units (BPDUs). Each BPDU contains the following information:

- The unique identifier of the switch that the transmitting switch currently believes is the root switch
- The path cost to the root from the transmitting port
- The port identifier of the transmitting port

The switch sends BPDUs to communicate and construct the spanning-tree topology. All switches connected to the LAN on which the packet is transmitted will receive the BPDU. BPDUs are not directly forwarded by the switch, but the receiving switch uses the information in the frame to calculate a BPDU, and, if the topology changes, initiates a BPDU transmission.

The communication between switches via BPDUs results in the following:

- One switch is elected as the root switch
- The shortest distance to the root switch is calculated for each switch
- A designated switch is selected. This is the switch closest to the root switch through which packets will be forwarded to the root.

- A port for each switch is selected. This is the port providing the best path from the switch to the root switch.
- Ports included in the STP are selected.

## Creating a Stable STP Topology

If all switches have STP enabled with default settings, the switch with the lowest MAC address in the network will become the root switch. By increasing the priority (lowering the priority number) of the best switch, STP can be forced to select the best switch as the root switch.

When STP is enabled using the default parameters, the path between source and destination stations in a switched network might not be ideal. For instance, connecting higher-speed links to a port that has a higher number than the current root port can cause a root-port change. The goal is to make the fastest link the root port.

## STP Port States

The BPDUs take some time to pass through a network. This propagation delay can result in topology changes where a port that transitioned directly from a Blocking state to a Forwarding state could create temporary data loops. Ports must wait for new network topology information to propagate throughout the network before starting to forward packets. They must also wait for the packet lifetime to expire for BPDU packets that were forwarded based on the old topology. The forward delay timer is used to allow the network topology to stabilize after a topology change.

In addition, STP specifies a series of states a port must transition through to further ensure that a stable network topology is created after a topology change.

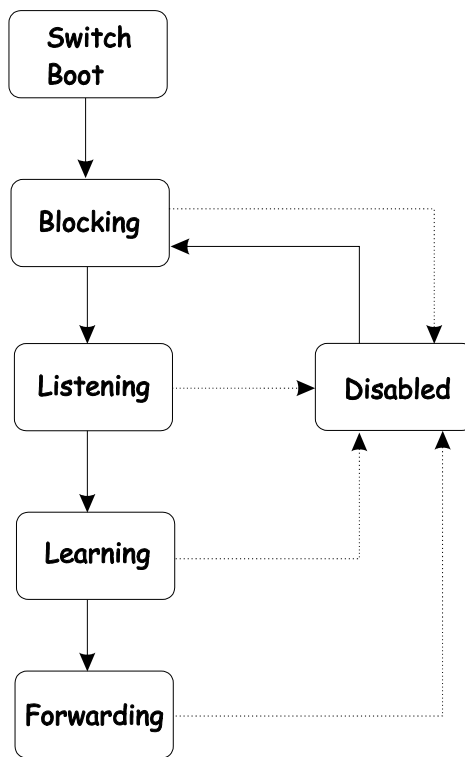


***Each port on a switch using STP exists in one of the following five states:***

- Blocking – the port is blocked from forwarding or receiving packets
- Listening – the port is waiting to receive BPDU packets that may tell the port to go back to the blocking state
- Learning – the port is adding addresses to its forwarding database, but not yet forwarding packets
- Forwarding – the port is forwarding packets
- Disabled – the port only responds to network management messages and must return to the blocking state first

***A port transitions from one state to another as follows:***

- From initialization (switch boot) to blocking
- From blocking to listening or to disabled
- From listening to learning or to disabled
- From learning to forwarding or to disabled
- From forwarding to disabled
- From disabled to blocking



**Figure 5-2. STP Port State Transitions**

When STP is enabled, every port on every switch in the network goes through the blocking state and then transitions through the states of listening and learning at power up. If properly configured, each port stabilizes to the forwarding or blocking state.

No packets (except BPDUs) are forwarded from, or received by, STP enabled ports until the forwarding state is enabled for that port.

**Default Spanning-Tree Configuration**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Default Value</b>
Enable state	STP enabled for all ports
Port priority	128
Port cost	19
Bridge Priority	32,768

**Table 5-7. Default STP Parameters****User-Changeable STP Parameters**

The factory default setting should cover the majority of installations. However, it is advisable to keep the default settings as set at the factory; unless, it is absolutely necessary. The user changeable parameters in the Switch are as follows:

- **Priority** – A Priority for the switch can be set from 0 to 65535. Zero is equal to the highest Priority.
- **Hello Time** – The Hello Time can be from 1 to 10 seconds. This is the interval between two transmissions of BPDU packets sent by the Root Bridge to tell all other Switches that it is indeed the Root Bridge. If you set a Hello Time for your Switch, and it is not the Root Bridge, the set Hello Time will be used if and when your Switch becomes the Root Bridge.

**Note:** *The Hello Time cannot be longer than the Max. Age. Otherwise, a configuration error will occur.*

- **Max. Age** – The Max. Age can be from 6 to 40 seconds. At the end of the Max. Age, if a BPDU has

still not been received from the Root Bridge, your Switch will start sending its own BPDU to all other Switches for permission to become the Root Bridge. If it turns out that your Switch has the lowest Bridge Identifier, it will become the Root Bridge.

- **Forward Delay Timer** – The Forward Delay can be from 4 to 30 seconds. This is the time any port on the Switch spends in the listening state while moving from the blocking state to the forwarding state.

**Note:** *Observe the following formulas when setting the above parameters:*

*Max. Age  $\leq 2 \times$  (Forward Delay - 1 second)*

*Max. Age  $\geq 2 \times$  (Hello Time + 1 second)*

- **Port Priority** – A Port Priority can be from 0 to 255. The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen as the Root Port.
- **Port Cost** – A Port Cost can be set from 1 to 65535. The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen to forward packets.

## Illustration of STP

A simple illustration of three Bridges (or three switches) connected in a loop is depicted below. In this example, you can anticipate some major network problems if the STP assistance is not applied. If Bridge A broadcasts a packet to Bridge B, Bridge B will broadcast it to Bridge C, and Bridge C will broadcast it to back to Bridge A ... and so on. The broadcast packet will be passed indefinitely in a loop, potentially causing a network failure.

STP can be applied as shown in Figure 5-4. In this example, STP breaks the loop by blocking the connection between Bridge

B and C. The decision to block a particular connection is based on the STP calculation of the most current Bridge and Port settings. Now, if Bridge A broadcasts a packet to Bridge C, then Bridge C will drop the packet at port 2 and the broadcast will end there.

Setting-up STP using values other than the defaults, can be complex. Therefore, you are advised to keep the default factory settings and STP will automatically assign root bridges/ports and block loop connections. Influencing STP to choose a particular switch as the root bridge using the **Priority** setting, or influencing STP to choose a particular port to block using the **Port Priority** and **Port Cost** settings is, however, relatively straight forward.

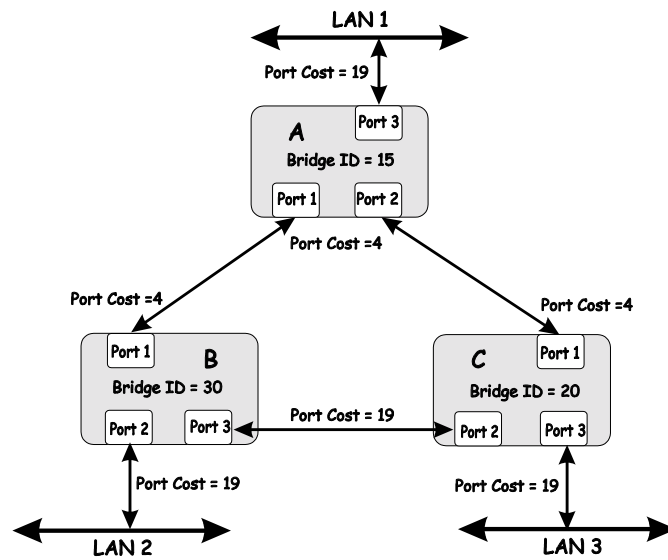
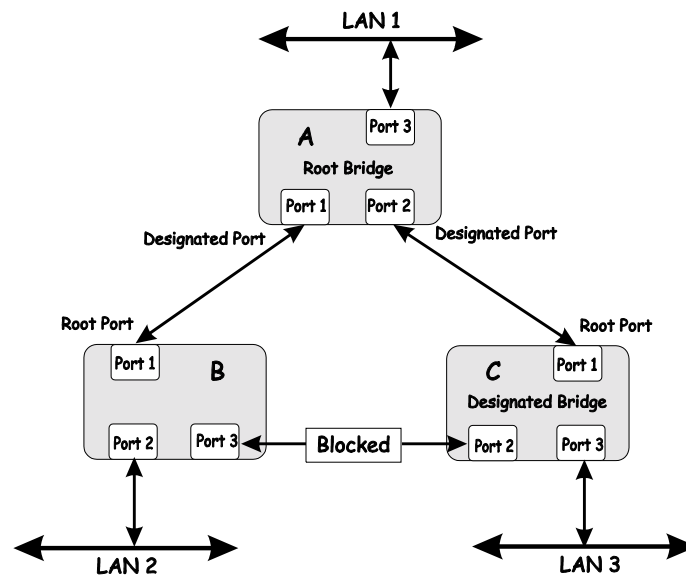


Figure 5-3. Before Applying the STA Rules

*In this example, only the default STP values are used.*



**Figure 5-4. After Applying the STA Rules**

The switch with the lowest Bridge ID (switch C) was elected the root bridge, and the ports were selected to give a high port cost between switches B and C. The two (optional) Gigabit ports (default port cost = 10) on switch A are connected to one (optional) Gigabit port on both switch B and C. The redundant link between switch B and C is deliberately chosen as a 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet link (default port cost = 19). Gigabit ports could be used, but the port cost should be increased from the default to ensure that the link between switch B and switch C is the blocked link.

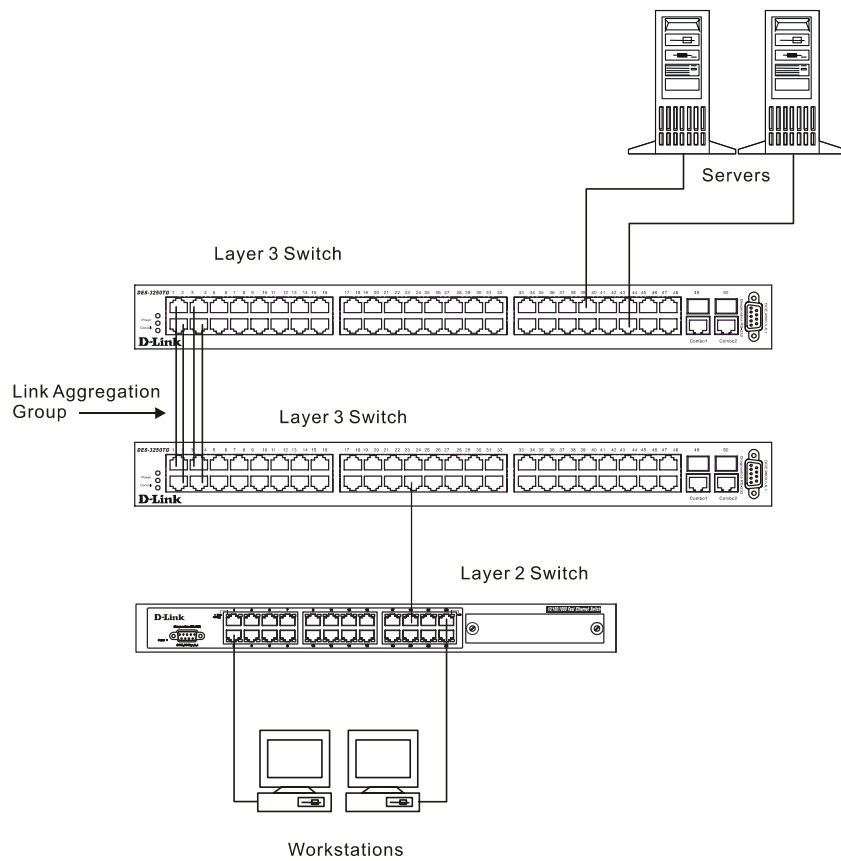
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## Link Aggregation

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Link aggregation is used to combine a number of ports together to make a single high-bandwidth data pipeline. The participating parts are called members of a link aggregation group, with one port designated as the **master port** of the group. Since all members of the link aggregation group must be configured to operate in the same manner, the configuration of the master port is applied to all members of the link aggregation group. Thus, when configuring the ports in a link aggregation group, you only need to configure the master port.

The DES-3250TG supports link aggregation groups, which may include from 2 to 8 switch ports each, except for a Gigabit link aggregation group which consists of the 2 (optional) Gigabit Ethernet ports of the front panel.

**Figure 5-5. Link Aggregation Group**

Data transmitted to a specific host (destination address) will always be transmitted over the same port in a link aggregation group. This allows packets in a data stream to arrive in the same order they were sent. An aggregated link connection can be made with any other switch that maintains host-to-host data streams over a single link aggregate port. Switches that use a load-balancing scheme that sends the packets of a host-



to-host data stream over multiple link aggregation ports cannot have a aggregated connection with the DES-3250TG switch.

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## VLANs

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A VLAN is a collection of end nodes grouped by logic rather than physical location. End nodes that frequently communicate with each other are assigned to the same VLAN, regardless of where they are located physically on the network. Logically, a VLAN can be equated to a broadcast domain, because broadcast packets are forwarded only to members of the VLAN on which the broadcast was initiated.

### Notes About VLANs on the DES-3250TG

1. The DES-3250TG supports IEEE 802.1Q VLANs. The port untagging function can be used to remove the 802.1Q tag from packet headers to maintain compatibility with devices that are tag-unaware (that is, network devices that do not support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs or tagging).
2. The switch's default is to assign all ports to a single 802.1Q VLAN named "default."

### IEEE 802.1Q VLANs

#### ***Some relevant terms:***

**Tagging** - The act of putting 802.1Q VLAN information into the header of a packet.

**Untagging** - The act of stripping 802.1Q VLAN information out of the packet header.

**Ingress port** - A port on a switch where packets are flowing into the switch and VLAN decisions must be made.

**Egress port** - A port on a switch where packets are flowing out of the switch, either to another switch or to an end station, and tagging decisions must be made.

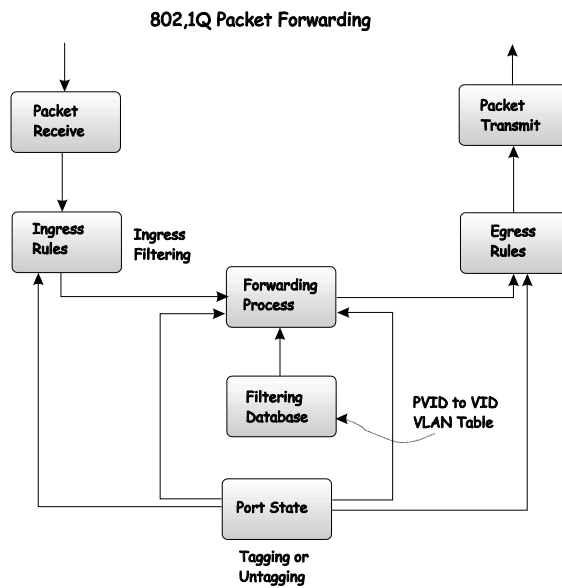
IEEE 802.1Q (tagged) VLANs are implemented on the DES-3250TG Layer 2 switch. 802.1Q VLANs require tagging, which enables the VLANs to span an entire network (assuming all switches on the network are IEEE 802.1Q-compliant).

Any port can be configured as either *tagging* or *untagging*. The *untagging* feature of IEEE 802.1Q VLANs allow VLANs to work with legacy switches that don't recognize VLAN tags in packet headers. The *tagging* feature allows VLANs to span multiple 802.1Q-compliant switches through a single physical connection and allows Spanning Tree to be enabled on all ports and work normally.

## 802.1Q VLAN Packet Forwarding

Packet forwarding decisions are made based upon the following three types of rules:

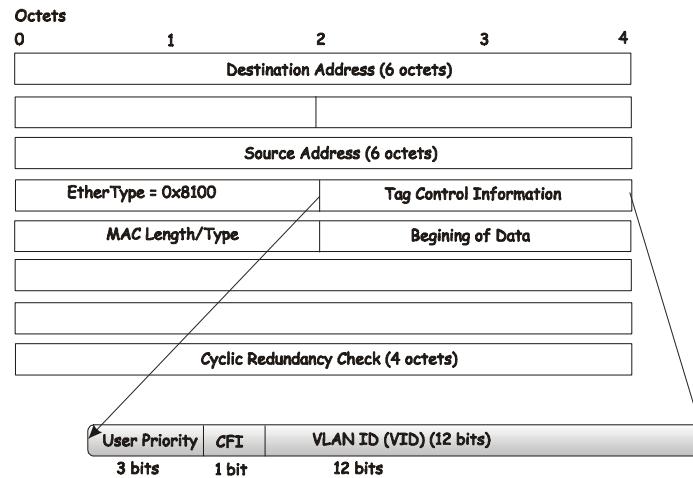
- Ingress rules – rules relevant to the classification of received frames belonging to a VLAN.
- Forwarding rules between ports – decides filter or forward the packet
- Egress rules – determines if the packet must be sent tagged or untagged.



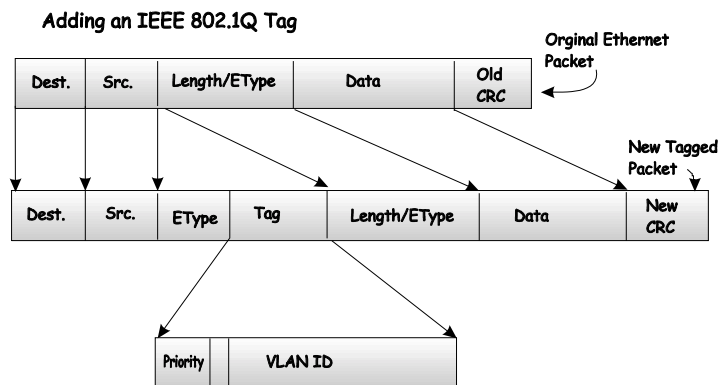
**Figure 5-6. IEEE 802.1Q Packet Forwarding**

## 802.1Q VLAN Tags

The figure below shows the 802.1Q VLAN tag. There are four additional octets inserted after the source MAC address. Their presence is indicated by a value of 0x8100 in the EtherType field. When a packet's EtherType field is equal to 0x8100, the packet carries the IEEE 802.1Q/802.1p tag. The tag is contained in the following two octets and consists of 3 bits of user priority, 1 bit of Canonical Format Identifier (CFI – used for encapsulating Token Ring packets so they can be carried across Ethernet backbones) and 12 bits of VLAN ID (VID). The 3 bits of user priority are used by 802.1p. The VID is the VLAN identifier and is used by the 802.1Q standard. Because the VID is 12 bits long, 4094 unique VLANs can be identified.



The EtherType and VLAN ID are inserted after the MAC source address, but before the original EtherType/Length or Logical Link Control. Because the packet is now a bit longer than it was originally, the Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) must be recalculated.



**Figure 5-8. Adding an IEEE 802.1Q Tag**

## Port VLAN ID

Packets that are tagged (are carrying the 802.1Q VID information) can be transmitted from one 802.1Q compliant network device to another with the VLAN information intact. This allows 802.1Q VLANs to span network devices (and indeed, the entire network – if all network devices are 802.1Q compliant).

Unfortunately, not all network devices are 802.1Q compliant. These devices are referred to as *tag-unaware*. 802.1Q devices are referred to as *tag-aware*.

Prior to the adoption 802.1Q VLANs, port-based and MAC-based VLANs were in common use. These VLANs relied upon a Port VLAN ID (PVID) to forward packets. A packet received on a given port would be assigned that port's PVID and then be forwarded to the port that corresponded to the packet's destination address (found in the switch's forwarding table). If the PVID of the port that received the packet is different from the PVID of the port that is to transmit the packet, the switch will drop the packet.

Within the switch, different PVIDs mean different VLANs. (remember that two VLANs cannot communicate without an external router). So, VLAN identification based upon the PVIDs cannot create VLANs that extend outside a given switch (or switch stack).

Every physical port on a switch has a PVID. 802.1Q ports are also assigned a PVID, for use within the switch. If no VLANs are defined on the switch, all ports are then assigned to a default VLAN with a PVID equal to 1. Untagged packets are assigned the PVID of the port on which they were received. Forwarding decisions are based upon this PVID, insofar as VLANs are concerned. Tagged packets are forwarded according to the VID contained within the tag. Tagged packets are also assigned a PVID, but the PVID is not used to make packet forwarding decisions, the VID is.

Tag-aware switches must keep a table to relate PVIDs within the switch to VIDs on the network. The switch will compare the VID of a packet to be transmitted to the VID of the port that is to transmit the packet. If the two VIDs are different, the switch will drop the packet. Because of the existence of the PVID for untagged packets and the VID for tagged packets, tag-aware and tag-unaware network devices can coexist on the same network.

A switch port can have only one PVID, but can have as many VIDs as the switch has memory in its VLAN table to store them.

Because some devices on a network may be tag-unaware, a decision must be made at each port on a tag-aware device before packets are transmitted – should the packet to be transmitted have a tag or not? If the transmitting port is connected to a tag-unaware device, the packet should be untagged. If the transmitting port is connected to a tag-aware device, the packet should be tagged.

## Tagging and Untagging

Every port on an 802.1Q compliant switch can be configured as *tagging* or *untagging*.

Ports with tagging enabled will put the VID number, priority and other VLAN information into the header of all packets that flow into and out of it. If a packet has previously been tagged, the port will not alter the packet, thus keeping the VLAN information intact. The VLAN information in the tag can then be used by other 802.1Q compliant devices on the network to make packet forwarding decisions.

Ports with untagging enabled will strip the 802.1Q tag from all packets that flow into and out of those ports. If the packet doesn't have an 802.1Q VLAN tag, the port will not alter the packet. Thus, all packets received by and forwarded by an untagging port will have no 802.1Q VLAN information. (Remember that the PVID is only used internally within the switch). Untagging is used to send packets from an 802.1Q-compliant network device to a non-compliant network device.

## Ingress Filtering

A port on a switch where packets are flowing into the switch and VLAN decisions must be made is referred to as an *ingress port*. If ingress filtering is enabled for a port, the switch will examine the VLAN information in the packet header (if present) and decide whether or not to forward the packet.

If the packet is tagged with VLAN information, the ingress port will first determine if the ingress port itself is a member of the tagged VLAN. If it is not, the packet will be dropped. If the ingress port is a member of the 802.1Q VLAN, the switch then determines if the destination port is a member of the 802.1Q VLAN. If it is not, the packet is dropped. If the destination port is a member of the 802.1Q VLAN, the packet is forwarded and

the destination port transmits it to its attached network segment.

If the packet is not tagged with VLAN information, the ingress port will tag the packet with its own PVID as a VID (if the port is a tagging port). The switch then determines if the destination port is a member of the same VLAN (has the same VID) as the ingress port. If it does not, the packet is dropped. If it has the same VID, the packet is forwarded and the destination port transmits it on its attached network segment.

This process is referred to as *ingress filtering* and is used to conserve bandwidth within the switch by dropping packets that are not on the same VLAN as the ingress port at the point of reception. This eliminates the subsequent processing of packets that will just be dropped by the destination port.

## The “Default” VLAN

The switch initially configures one VLAN, VID = 1, called the “default” VLAN. The factory default setting assigns all ports on the switch to the “default” VLAN.

Packets cannot cross VLANs. If a member of one VLAN wants to connect to another VLAN, the link must be through an external router.

If no VLANs are configured on the switch, then all packets will be forwarded to any destination port. Packets with unknown source addresses will be flooded to all ports. Broadcast and multicast packets will also be flooded to all ports.

## VLANs

VLANs use network-layer addresses (subnet address for TCP/IP) to determine VLAN membership. These VLANs are



based on layer 2 information, but this does not constitute a 'routing' function.

Even though a switch inspects a packet's IP address to determine VLAN membership, no route calculation is performed, the RIP protocol is not employed, and packets traversing the switch are bridged using the Spanning Tree algorithm.

## Definitions

- **IP Address** – The unique number ID assigned to each host or interface on a network. IP addresses have the form xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx.
- **Subnet** – A portion of a network sharing a particular network address.
- **Subnet mask** – A 32-bit number used to describe which portion of a Network Address refers to the subnet and which portion refers to the host. Subnet masks have the form xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx.
- **Interface** – A network connection
- **IP Interface** – Another name for subnet.
- **Network Address** – The resulting 32-bit number from a bitwise logical AND operation performed between an IP address and a subnet mask.
- **Subnet Address** – Another name for network address.

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## IP Addresses

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The Internet Protocol (IP) was designed for routing data between network sites. Later, it was adapted for routing between networks (referred to as "subnets") within a site. The IP defines a way of generating a unique number that can be assigned each network in the Internet and each of the

computers on each of those networks. This number is called the IP address.

IP addresses use a “dotted decimal” notation. Here are some examples of IP addresses written in this format:

1. 210.202.204.205
2. 189.21.241.56
3. 125.87.0.1

This allows IP address to be written in a string of 4 decimal (base 10) numbers. Computers can only understand binary (base 2) numbers, and these binary numbers are usually grouped together in bytes, or eight bits. (A bit is a binary digit – either a “1” or a “0”). The dots (periods) simply make the IP address easier to read. A computer sees an IP address not as four decimal numbers, but as a long string of binary digits (32 binary digits or 32 bits, IP addresses are 32-bit addresses).

The three IP addresses in the example above, written in binary form are:

1. 11010010.11001010.11001100.11001101
2. 10111101.00010101.11110001.00111000
3. 01111101.01010111.00000000.00000001

The dots are included to make the numbers easier to read.

Eight binary bits are called a ‘byte’ or an ‘octet’. An octet can represent any decimal value between ‘0’ (00000000) and ‘255’ (11111111). IP addresses, represented in decimal form, are four numbers whose value is between ‘0’ to ‘255’. The total range of IP addresses are then:

Lowest possible IP address -	0.0.0.0
Highest possible IP address -	255.255.255.255

To convert decimal numbers to 8-bit binary numbers (and vice-versa), you can use the following chart:

Binary Octet Digit	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
Decimal Equivalent	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Binary Number 128+64+32+16+8+4+2+1= <b>255</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Table 5-8. Binary to Decimal Conversion**

Each digit in an 8-bit binary number (an octet) represents a power of two. The left-most digit represents 2 raised to the 7<sup>th</sup> power ( $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 128$ ) while the right-most digit represents 2 raised to the 0<sup>th</sup> power (any number raised to the 0<sup>th</sup> power is equal to one, by definition).

IP addresses actually consist of two parts, one identifying the network and one identifying the destination (node) within the network.

The IP address discussed above is one part and a second number called the Subnet mask is the other part. To make this a bit more confusing, the subnet mask has the same numerical form as an IP address.

## Address Classes

Address classes refer to the range of numbers in the subnet mask. Grouping the subnet masks into classes makes the task of dividing a network into subnets a bit easier.

There are five address classes. The first four bits in the IP address determine which class the IP address falls in.

- Class A addresses begin with 0xxx, or 1 to 126 decimal.
- Class B addresses begin with 10xx, or 128 to 191 decimal.

- Class C addresses begin with 110x, or 192 to 223 decimal.
- Class D addresses begin with 1110, or 224 to 239 decimal.
- Class E addresses begin with 1111, or 240 to 254 decimal.

Addresses beginning with 01111111, or 127 decimal, are reserved. They are used for internal testing on a local machine (called loopback). The address 127.0.0.1 can always be pinged from a local node because it forms a loopback and points back to the same node.

Class D addresses are reserved for multicasting.

Class E Addresses are reserved for future use. They are not used for node addresses.

The part of the IP address that belongs to the network is the part that is 'hidden' by the '1's in the subnet mask. This can be seen below:

- Class A    NETWORK.node.node.node
- Class B    NETWORK.NETWORK.node.node
- Class C    NETWORK.NETWORK.NETWORK.node

For example, the IP address 10.42.73.210 is a Class A address, so the Network part of the address (called the *Network Address*) is the first octet (10.x.x.x). The node part of the address is the last three octets (x.42.73.210).

To specify the network address for a given IP address, the node part is set to all "0"s. In our example, 10.0.0.0 specifies the network address for 10.42.73.210. When the node part is set to all "1"s, the address specifies a broadcast address. So, 10.255.255.255 is the broadcast address for the network 10.0.0.0.

## Subnet Masking

A subnet mask can be applied to an IP address to identify the network and the node parts of the address. A bitwise logical AND operation between the IP address and the subnet mask results in the *Network Address*.

For example:

00001010.00101010.01001001.11010010	10.42.73.210
Class A IP address	
11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000	255.0.0.0
Class A Subnet Mask	

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00001010.00000000.00000000.00000000	10.0.0.0
Network Address	

The Default subnet masks are:

- Class A – 11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000  
255.0.0.0
- Class B – 11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000  
255.255.0.0
- Class C – 11111111.11111111.11111111.00000000  
255.255.255.0

Additional bits can be added to the default subnet mask for a given Class to further subnet a network. When a bitwise logical AND operation is performed between the subnet mask and the IP address, the result defines the *Subnet Address*.

Some restrictions apply to subnet addresses. Addresses of all “0”s and all “1”s are reserved for the local network (when a host does not know it’s network address) and for all hosts on the network (the broadcast address). This also applies to subnets. A subnet address cannot be all “0”s or all “1”s. A 1-bit subnet mask is also not allowed.

## Calculating the Number of Subnets and Nodes

To calculate the number of subnets and nodes, use the formula  $(2^n - 2)$  where  $n$  = the number of bits in either the subnet mask or the node portion of the IP address. Multiplying the number of subnets by the number of nodes available per subnet gives the total number of nodes for the entire network.

### Example

00001010.00101010.01001001.11010010    10.42.73.210

Class A IP address

11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000    255.224.0.0

Subnet Mask

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00001010.00100000.00000000.00000000    10.32.0.0

Network Address

00001010.00101010.11111111.11111111    10.32.255.255

Broadcast Address

This example uses an 11-bit subnet mask. (There are 3 additional bits added to the default Class A subnet mask). So the number of subnets is:

$$2^3 - 2 = 8 - 2 = 6$$

Subnets of all "0"s and all "1"s are not allowed, so two subnets are subtracted from the total.

The number of bits used in the node part of the address is  $24 - 3 = 21$  bits, so the total number of nodes is:

$$2^{21} - 2 = 2,097,152 - 2 = 2,097,150$$

Multiplying the number of subnets times the number of nodes gives 12,582,900 possible nodes.

Note that this is less than the 16,777,214 possible nodes that an unsubnetted class A network would have.

Subnetting reduces the number of possible nodes for a given network, but increases the segmentation of the network.

## Classless InterDomain Routing – CIDR

Under CIDR, the subnet mask notation is reduced to a simplified shorthand. Instead of specifying all of the bits of the subnet mask, it is simply listed as the number of contiguous “1”s (bits) in the network portion of the address. Look at the subnet mask of the above example in binary - 11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000 – and you can see that there are 11 “1”s or 11 bits used to mask the network address from the node address. Written in CIDR notation this becomes:

10.32.0.0/11

# of Bits	Subnet Mask	CID R Notation	# of Subnets	# of Hosts	Total Hosts
2	255.192.0.0	/10	2	4194302	8388604
3	255.224.0.0	/11	6	2097150	12582900
4	255.240.0.0	/12	14	1048574	14680036
5	255.248.0.0	/13	30	524286	15728580
6	255.252.0.0	/14	62	262142	16252804
7	255.254.0.0	/15	126	131070	16514820
8	255.255.0.0	/16	254	65534	16645636
9	255.255.128.0	/17	510	32766	16710660
10	255.255.192.0	/18	1022	16382	16742404
11	255.255.224.0	/19	2046	8190	16756740
12	255.255.240.0	/20	4094	4094	16760836
13	255.255.248.0	/21	8190	2046	16756740
14	255.255.252.0	/22	16382	1022	16742404
15	255.255.254.0	/23	32766	510	16710660
16	255.255.255.0	/24	65534	254	16645636
17	255.255.255.128	/25	131070	126	16514820
18	255.255.255.1	/26	262142	62	16252804

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19	255.255.255.24	/27	525286	30	15728580
20	255.255.255.40	/28	1048574	14	14680036
21	255.255.255.48	/29	2097150	6	12582900
22	255.255.255.52	/30	4194302	2	8388604

**Table 5-9. Class A Subnet Masks**

# of Bits	Subnet Mask	CIDR Notation	# of Subnets	# of Hosts	Total Hosts
2	255.255.192	/18	2	16382	32764
3	255.255.224.0	/19	6	8190	49140
4	255.255.240.0	/20	14	4094	57316
5	255.255.248.0	/21	30	2046	61380
6	255.255.252.0	/22	62	1022	63364
7	255.255.254.0	/23	126	510	64260
8	255.255.255.0	/24	254	254	64516
9	255.255.255.128	/25	510	126	64260
10	255.255.255.192	/26	1022	62	63364
11	255.255.255.224	/27	2046	30	61380
12	255.255.255.240	/28	4094	14	57316
13	255.255.255.248	/29	8190	6	49140
14	255.255.255.252	/30	16382	2	32764

**Table 5-10. Class B Subnet Masks**

# of Bits	Subnet Mask	CIDR Notation	# of Subnets	# of Hosts	Total Hosts
2	255.255.255.192	/26	2	62	124
3	255.255.255.224	/27	6	30	180
4	255.255.255.240	/28	14	14	196
5	255.255.255.248	/29	30	6	180
6	255.255.255.252	/30	62	2	124

**Table 5-11. Class C Subnet Masks**



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## Internet Protocols

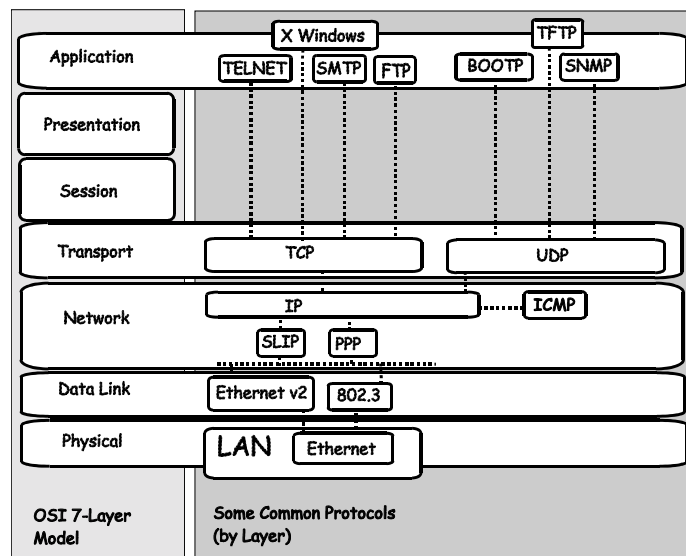
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This is a brief introduction to the suite of Internet Protocols frequently referred to as TCP/IP. It is intended to give the reader a reasonable understanding of the available facilities and some familiarity with terminology. It is not intended to be a complete description.

### Protocol Layering

The Internet Protocol (IP) divides the tasks necessary to route and forward packets across networks by using a layered approach. Each layer has clearly defined tasks, protocol, and interfaces for communicating with adjacent layers, but the exact way these tasks are accomplished is left to individual software designers. The Open Systems Interconnect (OSI) seven-layer model has been adopted as the reference for the description of modern networking, including the Internet.

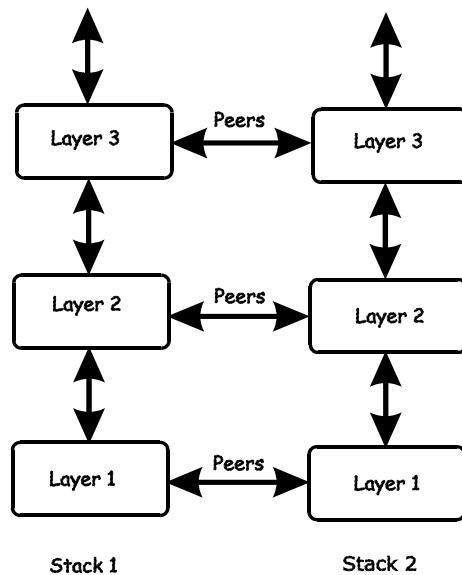
A diagram of the OSI model is shown below (note that this is not a complete listing of the protocols contained within each layer of the model):



**Figure 5-9. OSI Seven Layer Network Model**

Each layer is a distinct set of programs executing a distinct set of protocols designed to accomplish some necessary tasks. They are separated from the other layers within the same system or network, but must communicate and interoperate. This requires very well defined and well-known methods for transferring messages and data. This is accomplished through the protocol stack.

Protocol layering as simply a tool for visualizing the organization of the necessary software and hardware in a network. In this view, Layer 2 represents switching and Layer 3 represents routing. Protocol layering is actually a set of guidelines used in writing programs and designing hardware that delegate network functions and allow the layers to communicate. How these layers communicate within a stack (for example, within a given computer) is left to the operating system programmers.



**Figure 5-10. The Protocol Stack**

Between two protocol stacks, members of the same layer are known as peers and communicate by well-known (open and published) protocols. Within a protocol stack, adjacent layers communicate by an internal interface. This interface is usually not publicly documented and is frequently proprietary. It has some of the same characteristics of a protocol and two stacks from the same software vendor may communicate in the same way. Two stacks from different software vendors (or different products from the same vendor) may communicate in completely different ways. As long as peers can communicate and interoperate, this has no impact on the functioning of the network.

The communication between layers within a given protocol stack can be both different from a second stack and

proprietary, but communication between peers on the same OSI layer is open and consistent.

A brief description of the most commonly used functional layers is helpful to understand the scope of how protocol layering works.

## **Layer 1**

This is referred to as the physical layer. It handles the electrical connections and signaling required to make a physical link from one point in the network to another. It is on this layer that the unique Media Access Control (MAC) address is defined.

## **Layer 2**

This layer, commonly called the switching layer, allows end station addressing and the establishment of connections between them.

Layer 2 switching forwards packets based on the unique MAC address of each end station and offers high-performance, dedicated-bandwidth of Fast or Gigabit Ethernet within the network.

Layer 2 does not ordinarily extend beyond the intranet. To connect to the Internet usually requires a router and a modem or other device to connect to an Internet Service Provider's WAN. These are Layer 3 functions.

## **Layer 3**

Commonly referred to as the routing layer, this layer provides logical partitioning of networks (subnetting), scalability, security, and Quality of Service (QoS).

The backbone of the Internet is built using Layer 3 functions. IP is the premier Layer 3 protocol.

IP is itself, only one protocol in the IP protocol suite. More extensive capabilities are found in the other protocols of the IP suite. For example, the Domain Name System (DNS) associates IP addresses with text names, the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) eases the administration of IP addresses, and routing protocols such as the Routing Information Protocol (RIP), the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), and the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) enable Layer 3 devices to direct data traffic to the intended destination. IP security allows for authentication and encryption. IP not only allows for user-to-user communication, but also for transmission from point-to-multipoint (known as IP multicasting).

## **Layer 4**

This layer, known as the transport layer, establishes the communication path between user applications and the network infrastructure and defines the method of communicating. TCP and UDP are well-known protocols in the transport layer. TCP is a “connection-oriented” protocol, and requires the establishment of parameters for transmission prior to the exchange of data. Web technology is based on TCP. UDP is “connectionless” and requires no connection setup. This is important for multicast traffic, which cannot tolerate the overhead and latency of TCP. TCP and UDP also differ in the amount of error recovery provided and whether or not it is visible to the user application. Both TCP and UDP are layered on IP, which has minimal error recovery and detection. TCP forces retransmission of data that was lost by the lower layers, UDP does not.

## Layer 7

This layer, known as the application layer, provides access to either the end user application software such as a database. Users communicate with the application, which in turn delivers data to the transport layer. Applications do not usually communicate directly with lower layers. They are written to use a specific communication library, like the popular WinSock library.

Software developers must decide what type of transport mechanism is necessary. For example, Web access requires reliable, error-free access and would demand TCP. Multimedia, on the other hand, requires low overhead and latency and commonly uses UDP.

## TCP/IP

The TCP/IP protocol suite is a set of protocols that allow computers to share resources across a network. TCP and IP are only two of the Internet suite of protocols, but they are the best known and it has become common to refer the entire family of Internet protocols as TCP/IP.

TCP/IP is a layered set of protocols. An example, such as sending e-mail, can illustrate this. There is first a protocol for sending and receiving e-mail. This protocol defines a set of commands to identify the sender, the recipient, and the content of the e-mail. The e-mail protocol will not handle the actual communication between the two computers, this is done by TCP/IP. TCP/IP handles the actual sending and receiving of the packets that make up the e-mail exchange.

TCP makes sure the e-mail commands and messages are received by the appropriate computers. It keeps track of what is sent and what is received, and retransmits any packets that are lost or dropped. TCP also handles the division of large

messages into several Ethernet packets, and makes sure these packets are received and reassembled in the correct order.

Because these functions are required by a large number of applications, they are grouped into a single protocol, rather than being the part of the specifications for just sending e-mail. TCP is then a library of routines that application software can use when reliable network communications are required.

IP is also a library of routines, but with a more general set of functions. IP handles the routing of packets from the source to the destination. This may require the packets to traverse many different networks. IP can route packets through the necessary gateways and provides the functions required for any user on one network to communicate with any user on another connected network.

The communication interface between TCP and IP is relatively simple. When IP received a packet, it does not know how this packet is related to others it has sent (or received) or even which connection the packet is part of. IP only knows the address of the source and the destination of the packet, and it makes its best effort to deliver the packet to its destination.

The information required for IP to do its job is contained in a series of octets added to the beginning of the packet called headers. A header contains a few octets of data added to the packet by the protocol in order to keep track of it.

Other protocols on other network devices can add and extract their own headers to and from packets as they cross networks. This is analogous to putting data into an envelope and sending the envelope to a higher-level protocol, and having the higher-level protocol put the entire envelope into its own, larger envelope. This process is referred to as encapsulation.

Many levels of encapsulation are required for a packet to cross the Internet.

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## Packet Headers

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### TCP

Most data transmissions are much longer than a single packet. The data must then be divided up among a series of packets. These packets must be transmitted, received and then reassembled into the original data. TCP handles these functions.

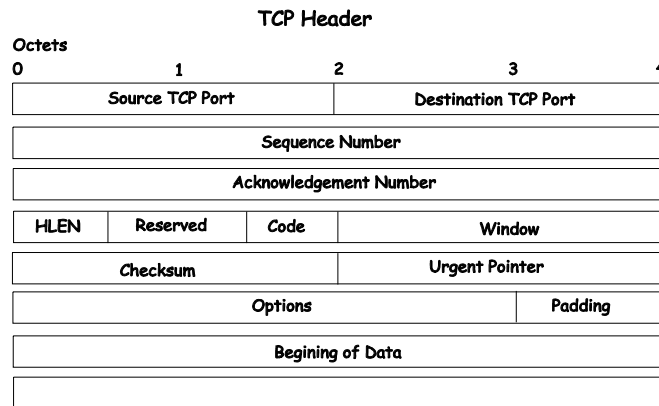
TCP must know how large a packet the network can process. To do this, the TCP protocols at each end of a connection state how large a packet they can handle and the smaller of the two is selected.

The TCP header contains at least 20 octets. The source and destination TCP port numbers are the most important fields. These specify the connection between two TCP protocols on two network devices.

The header also contains a sequence number that is used to ensure the packets are received in the correct order. The packets are not numbered, but rather the octets the packets contain are. If there are 100 octets of data in each packet, the first packet is numbered 0, the second 100, the third 200, etc.

To insure that the data in a packet is received uncorrupted, TCP adds the binary value of all the octets in the packet and writes the sum in the checksum field. The receiving TCP recalculates the checksum and if the numbers are different, the packet is dropped.





**Figure 5-11. TCP Packet Header**

When packets have been successfully received, TCP sends an acknowledgement. This is simply a packet that has the acknowledgement number field filled in.

An acknowledgement number of 1000 indicates that all of the data up to octet 1000 has been received. If the transmitting TCP does not receive an acknowledgement in a reasonable amount of time, the data is resent.

The window field controls the amount of data being sent at any one time. It would require too much time and overhead to acknowledge each packet received. Each end of the TCP connection declares how much data it is able to receive at any one time by writing this number of octets in the window field.

The transmitting TCP decrements the number in the window field and when it reaches zero, the transmitting TCP stops sending data. When the receiving TCP can accept more data, it increases the number in the window field. In practice, a single packet can acknowledge the receipt of data and give permission for more data to be sent.

## IP

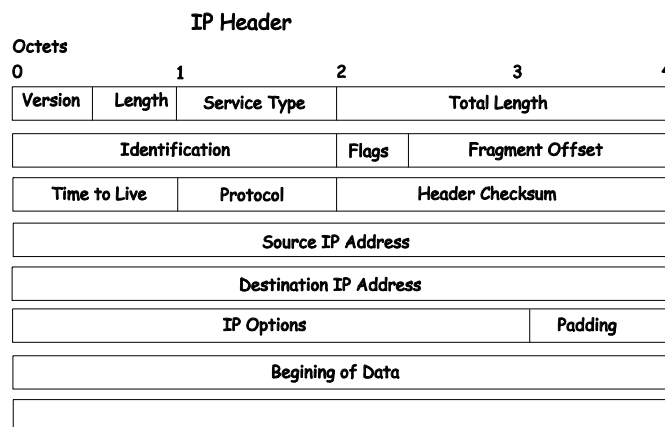
TCP sends its packets to IP with the source and destination IP addresses. IP is only concerned with these IP addresses. It is not concerned with the contents of the packet or the TCP header.

IP finds a route for the packet to get to the other end of the TCP connection. IP adds its own header to the packet to accomplish this.

The IP header contains the source and destination addresses, the protocol number, and another checksum.

The protocol number tells the receiving IP which protocol to give the packet to. Although most IP traffic uses TCP, other protocols can be used (such as UDP).

The checksum is used by the receiving IP in the same way as the TCP checksum.



**Figure 5-12. IP Packet Header**

The flags and fragment offset are used to keep track of packets that must be divided among several smaller packets to cross networks for which they are too large.

The Time-to-Live (TTL) is the number of gateways the packet is allowed to cross between the source and destination. This number is decremented by one when the packet crosses a gateway and when the TTL reaches zero, the packet is dropped. This helps reduce network traffic if a loop develops.

## **Ethernet**

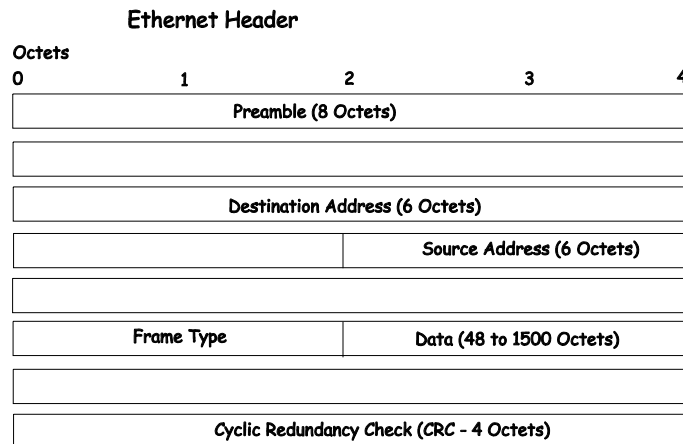
Every active Ethernet device has its own Ethernet address (commonly called the MAC address) assigned to it by the manufacturer. Ethernet uses 48 bit addresses.

The Ethernet header is 14 octets that include the source and destination MAC address and a type code.

There is no relationship between the MAC address of a network node and its IP address. There must be a database of Ethernet addresses and their corresponding IP addresses.

Different protocol families can be in use on the same network. The type code field allows each protocol family to have its own entry.

A checksum is calculated and when the packet is received, the checksum is recalculated. If the two checksums are different, the packet is dropped.



**Figure 5-13. Ethernet Packet Header**

When a packet is received, the headers are removed. The Ethernet Network Interface Card (NIC) removes the Ethernet header and checks the checksum. It then looks at the type code. If the type code is for IP, the packet is given to IP. IP then removes the IP header and looks at its protocol field. If the protocol field is TCP, the packet is sent to TCP. TCP then looks at the sequence number and uses this number and other data from the headers to reassemble the data into the original file.

## TCP and UDP Well-Known Ports

Application protocols run 'on top of' TCP/IP. When an application wants to send data or a message, it gives the data to TCP. Because TCP and IP take care of the networking details, the application can look at the network connection as a simple data stream.

To transfer a file across a network using the File Transfer Protocol (FTP), a connection must first be established. The

computer requesting the file transfer must connect specifically to the FTP server on the computer that has the file.

This is accomplished using sockets. A socket is a pair of TCP port numbers used to establish a connection from one computer to another. TCP uses these port numbers to keep track of connections. Specific port numbers are assigned to applications that wait for requests. These port numbers are referred to as 'well-known' ports.

TCP will open a connection to the FTP server using some random port number, 1234 for example, on the local computer. TCP will specify port 21 for the FTP server. Port 21 is the well-known port number for FTP servers. Note that there are two different FTP programs running in this example – an FTP client that requests the file to be transferred, and an FTP server that sends the file to the FTP client. The FTP server accepts commands from the client, so the FTP client must know how to connect to the server (must know the TCP port number) in order to send commands. The FTP Server can use any TCP port number to send the file, so long as it is sent as part of the connection setup.

A TCP connection is then described by a set of four numbers – the IP address and TCP port number for the local computer, and the IP address and TCP port number for the remote computer. The IP address is in the IP header and the TCP port number is in the TCP header.

No two TCP connection can have the same set of numbers, but only one number needs to be different. It is possible, for example, for two users to send files to the same destination at the same time. This could give the following connection numbers:

	Internet addresses	TCP ports
Connection 1	10.42.73.23, 10.128.12.1	1234, 21

Connection 2 10.42.73.23, 10.128.12.1 1235, 21

The same computers are making the connections, so the IP addresses are the same. Both computers are using the same well-known TCP port for the FTP server. The local FTP clients are using different TCP port numbers.

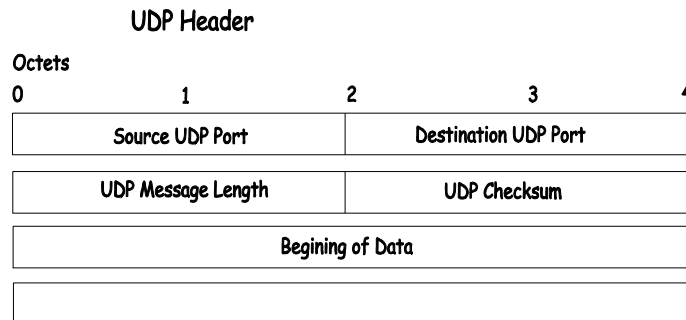
FTP transfers actually involve two different connections. The connection begins by the FTP sending commands to send a particular file. Once the commands are sent, a second connection is opened for the actual data transfer. Although it is possible to send data on the same connection, it is very convenient for the FTP client to be able to continue to send commands (such as 'stop sending this file').

## UDP and ICMP

There are many applications that do not require long messages that cannot fit into a single packet. Looking up computer names is an example. Users wanting to make connections to other computers will usually use a name rather than the computer's IP or MAC address. The user's computer must be able to determine the remote computer's address before a connection can be made. A designated computer on the network will contain a database of computer names and their corresponding IP and MAC addresses. The user's computer will send a query to the name database computer, and the database computer will send a response. Both the query and the response are very short. There is no need to divide the query or response between multiple packets, so the complexity of TCP is not required. If there is no response to the query after a period of time, the query can simply be resent.

The User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is designed for communications that do not require division among multiple packets and subsequent reassembly. UDP does not keep track of what is sent.

UDP uses port numbers in a way that is directly analogous to TCP. There are well-known UDP port numbers for servers that use UDP.



**Figure 5-14. Ethernet Packet Header**

The UDP header is shorter than a TCP header. UDP also uses a checksum to verify that data is received uncorrupted.

The Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) is also a simplified protocol used for error messages and messages used by TCP/IP. ICMP, like UDP, processes messages that will fit into a single packet. ICMP does not, however use ports because its messages are processed by the network software.

## Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP)

End users that want to receive multicast packets must be able to inform nearby routers that they want to become a multicast group member of the group these packets are being sent to. The Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) is used by multicast routers to maintain multicast group membership. IGMP is also used to coordinate between multiple multicast routers that may be present on a network by electing one of the multicast routers as the 'querier'. This router then keep track of the membership of multicast groups that have active

members on the network. IGMP is used to determine whether the router should forward multicast packets it receives to the subnetworks it is attached to or not. A multicast router that has received a multicast packet will check to determine if there is at least one member of a multicast group that has requested to receive multicast packets from this source. If there is one member, the packet is forwarded. If there are no members, the packet is dropped.



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## ***WEB-BASED SWITCH MANAGEMENT***

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### **Introduction**

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The DES-3250TG offers an embedded Web-based (HTML) interface allowing users to manage the switch from anywhere on the network through a standard browser such as Opera, Netscape Navigator/Communicator, or Microsoft Internet Explorer. The Web browser acts as a universal access tool and can communicate directly with the Switch using the HTTP protocol.

The Web-based management module and the Console program (and Telnet) are different ways to access the same internal switching software and configure it. Thus, all settings encountered in web-based management are the same as those found in the console program.

**Note:** This Web-based Management Module does not accept Chinese language input (or other languages requiring 2 bytes per character).

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## Before You Start

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The DES-3250TG switch supports a wide array of functions and gives great flexibility and increased network performance by eliminating the routing bottleneck between the WAN or Internet and the Intranet. Its function in a network can be thought of as a new generation of router that performs routing functions in hardware, rather than software. It is a router that also has up to 48+2 independent Ethernet collision domains.

This flexibility and rich feature set requires a bit of thought to arrive at a deployment strategy that will maximize the potential of the DES-3250TG.

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## Getting Started

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The first step in getting started in using Web-based management for your Switch is to secure a browser. A Web browser is a program that allows a person to read hypertext, for example, Opera, Netscape Navigator, or Microsoft Internet Explorer. Follow the installation instructions for your browser.

The second step is to give the switch an IP address. This can be done manually through the console or automatically using BOOTP/DHCP.

To begin managing your Switch simply run the browser you have installed on your computer and point it to the IP address you have defined for the device. The URL in the address bar should read something like: `http://123.123.123.123`, where the numbers 123 represent the IP address of the switch.

**Note:** The Factory default IP address for the switch is 10.90.90.90.

In the page that opens, click on the **Login to make a setup** button:



Figure 6-1. Login button

This opens the management module's main page.

The switch management features available in the web-based manager are explained below.

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## Configuring the Switch

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### *User Accounts Management*

From the **Management** menu, click **User Accounts** and then the **User Account Management** window appears.



Figure 6-2. User Account Management window

Click **Add** to add a user.

The image shows a web-based configuration window titled "User Account Modify Table". It has a blue header bar with the title in yellow text. Below the header, there are four input fields: "User Name", "New Password", "Confirm New Password", and "Access Right". The "Access Right" field is a dropdown menu currently showing "Admin". To the right of these fields is a grey "Apply" button. At the bottom left of the window, there is a blue hyperlink that says "Show All User Account Entries".

User Account Modify Table	
User Name	<input type="text"/>
New Password	<input type="text"/>
Confirm New Password	<input type="text"/>
Access Right	Admin ▾
<input type="button" value="Apply"/>	

[Show All User Account Entries](#)

**Figure 6-3. User Account Modify Table window**

1. Enter the new user name, assign an initial password, and then confirm the new password. Determine whether the new user should have **Admin** or **User** privileges.
2. Click **Apply** to make the user addition effective.
3. A listing of all user accounts and access levels is shown in the **User Account Management** window. This list is updated when Apply is executed. Click **Show All User Account Entries** to access this window.
4. Please remember that Apply makes changes to the switch configuration for the **current session only**. All changes (including User additions or updates) must be entered into non-volatile ram using the **Save Changes** command on the **Main Menu** - if you want these changes to be permanent.

## Admin and User Privileges

There are two levels of user privileges: *Admin* and *User*. Some menu selections available to users with *Admin* privileges may not be available to those with *User* privileges.

The following table summarizes the *Admin* and *User* privileges:

<b>Switch Configuration</b>	<b>Privilege</b>	
<b>Management</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>User</b>
Configuration	Yes	Read Only
Network Monitoring	Yes	Read Only
Community Strings and Trap Stations	Yes	Read Only
Update Firmware and Configuration Files	Yes	No
System Utilities	Yes	Ping Only
Factory Reset	Yes	No
Reboot Switch	Yes	No
<b>User Account Management</b>		
Add/Update/Delete User Accounts	Yes	No
View User Accounts	Yes	No

**Table 6-1. Root, User+, and User Privileges**

After establishing a User Account with **Admin**-level privileges, go to the **Maintenance** menu and click **Save Changes**. Next click **Save Configuration**. The switch will now save any changes to its non-volatile ram and reboot. You can logon again and are now ready to continue configuring the Switch.

## Save Changes

The DES-3250TG has two levels of memory; normal RAM and non-volatile or NV-RAM. Configuration changes are made effective by clicking the **Apply** button. When this is done, the settings will be immediately applied to the switching software in RAM, and will immediately take effect.

Some settings, though, require you to restart the switch before they will take effect. Restarting the switch erases all settings in RAM and reloads the stored settings from the NV-RAM. Thus, it is necessary to save all setting changes to NV-RAM before rebooting the switch.

To retain any configuration changes permanently, click **Save Changes** from the **Maintenance** menu. The following window will appear:

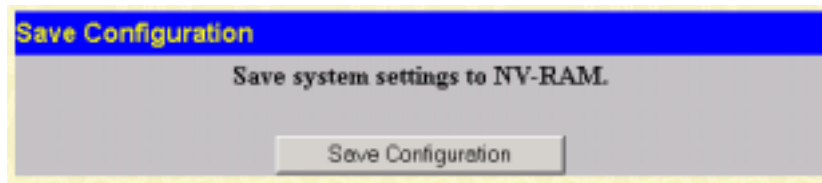


Figure 6-4. Save Configuration window

Click the **Save Configuration** button to save the current switch configuration in NV-RAM. The following dialog box will confirm that the configuration has been saved:



Figure 6-5. Save Configuration Confirmation dialog box

Click the **OK** button to continue.

Once the switch configuration settings have been saved to NV-RAM, they become the default settings for the switch. These settings will be used every time the switch is rebooted.

## Factory Reset

The following menu is used to restart the switch using only the configuration that was supplied by the factory. A factory reset returns all configuration options to their default values and restores the switch's configuration to the factory settings.

All user-entered configuration information will be lost.

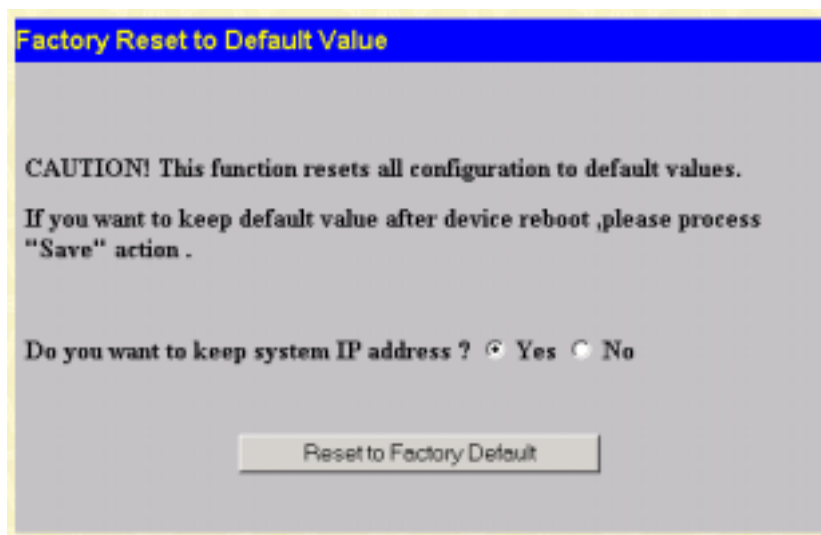


Figure 6-6. Factory Reset window

Select **Yes** if you want the switch to retain its current IP address. Select **No** to reset the switch's IP address to the factory default, 10.90.90.90 (with a Subnet Mask of 255.0.0.0 and Default Gateway 0.0.0.0)

Click the **Apply** button to restart the switch.

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## Using Web-Based Management

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### Setting Up Web Management

Before running Web-based management, some basic configuration of the switch may need to be performed. The following at a minimum must be configured or known for the switch to be managed:

- IP Address
- Subnet Mask
- Administrator password

In addition, several other parameters may need to be configured or known to properly communicate with the switch or allow full management capability. These include:

- Default Gateway
- Trap Destination and Community Name

Configuration of these items may be made from the User Interface, which is accessible via either the serial console or Telnet. Refer to the User's Guide that came with your system for more information about the subsection describing the required configuration.

### Setting an IP Address

The IP address for the switch must be set before it can be managed with the Web-based manager. The switch IP address may be automatically set using BOOTP or DHCP protocols, in which case the actual address assigned to the switch must be known.



*The IP address may alternatively be set using the Command Line Interface (CLI) over the console serial port as follows:*

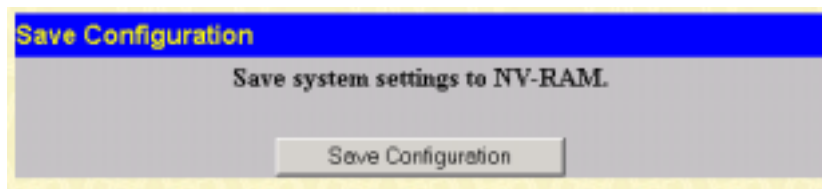
1. Starting at the command line prompt, enter the commands **config ipif System ipaddress xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx/yyy.yyy.yyy.yyy**. Where the **x**'s represent the IP address to be assigned to the IP interface named **System** and the **y**'s represent the corresponding subnet mask.
2. Alternatively, you can enter the commands **config ipif System ipaddress xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx/z** at the command line prompt. Where the **x**'s represent the IP address to be assigned to the IP interface named **System** and the **z** represents the corresponding number of subnets in CIDR notation.

Using this method, the switch can be assigned an IP address and subnet mask that can then be used to connect a management station to the switch's Web-based management agent.

## **Saving Configuration Changes**

Clicking the **Apply** button makes any configuration change active, but only for the current session. If the switch is restarted (rebooted) without entering the configuration changes into the non-volatile RAM (NV-RAM), the configuration changes will be lost.

To enter configuration changes into the switch's non-volatile RAM, select **Save Changes** from the **Maintenance** menu. Click on the **Save Configuration** button to enter the current configuration into NV-RAM. The configuration will then be loaded into the switch's memory when it is restarted.

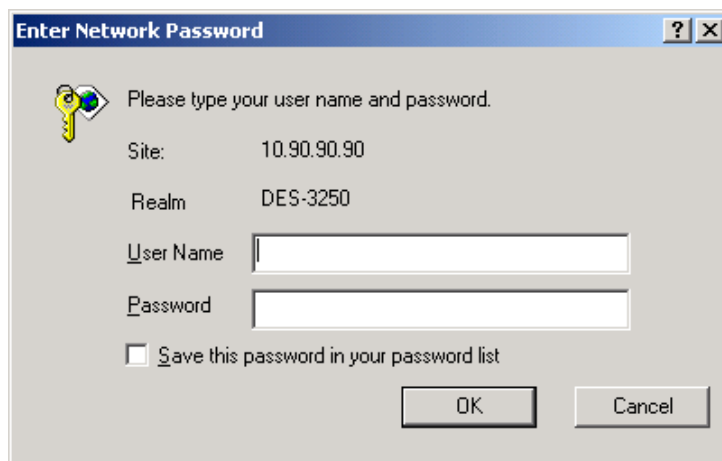


**Figure 6-7. Save Configuration window**

## **Starting and Stopping the Web-based Manager**

Do the following to use the Web-based manager:

- 1.** Start a Java-enabled Web browser from any machine with network access to the switch. (Preferred browsers include Opera, Internet Explorer 4.0 or above, or Netscape Navigator 4.0 or above.)
- 2.** Enter the IP address for the switch you want to manage in the URL field of the browser.
- 3.** The screen below will appear, prompting you to enter the user name and password for management access.



**Figure 6-8. Password dialog box**

1. There is no default User Name or Password. Click the **OK** button to continue. The default user has **Admin** privileges.
2. The full application will now launch. A three-frame page will display with a switch graphic located in the upper right hand frame.
3. To stop the Web-based manager, simply close the Web browser application.

## Web-based Manager's User Interface

The user interface provides access to various switch configuration and management screens, allows you to view performance statistics, and permits you to graphically monitor the system status.

Areas of the User Interface

The figure below shows the user interface. The user interface is divided into 3 distinct areas as described in the table.

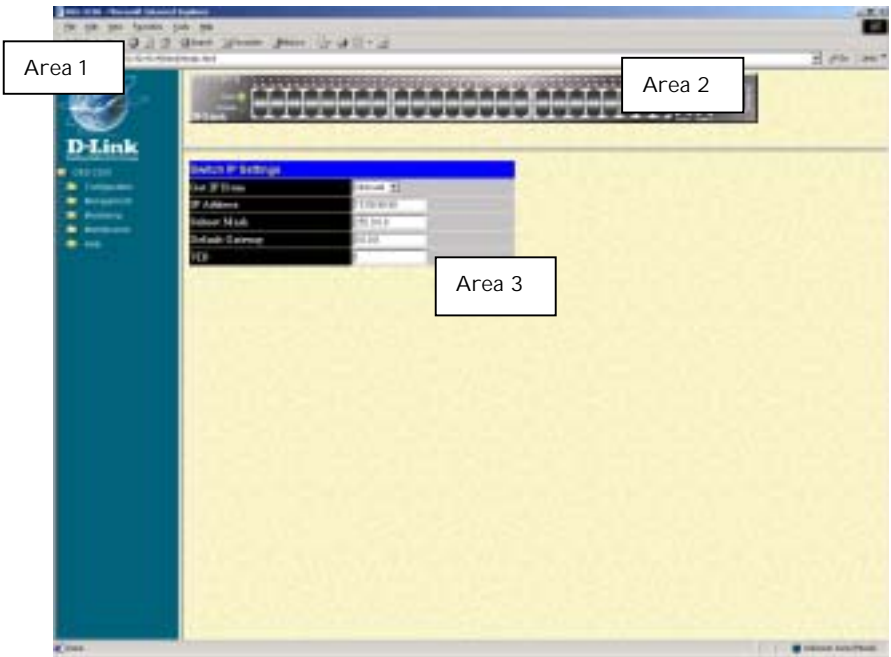


Figure 6-9. Main Web-Manager window

Area	Function
1	Presents a graphical near real-time image of the front panel of the switch. This area displays the switch’s ports and expansion modules, showing port activity, or duplex mode, depending on the specified mode. Various areas of the graphic can be selected for performing management functions, including the ports, expansion modules, management module, or the case.

- 2 Allows the selection of commands.
- 3 Presents switch information based on your selection and the entry of configuration data.

This section, arranged by topic, describes how to perform common monitoring and configuration tasks on the DES-3250TG switch using the Web-based Manager, you can perform any of the tasks described in the following sections.

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## Configuration

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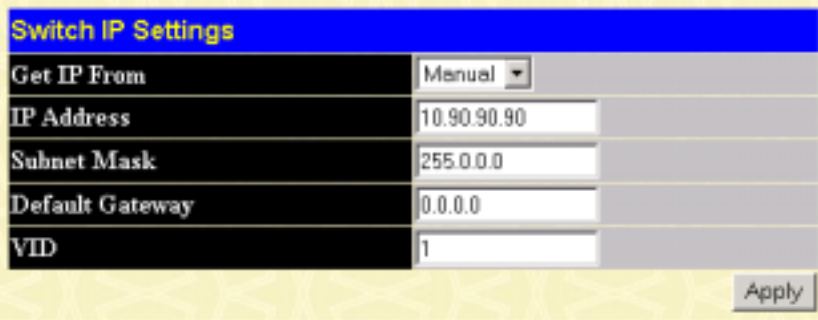
The **Configuration** menu consists of the following folders and screens: **IP Address**, **Switch Information**, **Advanced Settings**, **Port Configuration**, **Port Mirroring**, **Link Aggregation**, **IGMP**, **Spanning Tree**, **Forwarding Filtering**, **VLANs**, **Port Bandwidth**, and **QoS**. See below for further description.

### ***IP Address***

The Switch needs to have an IP address assigned to it so that an In-Band network management system (for example, the Web Manager or Telnet) client can find it on the network. The **Switch IP Settings** window allows you to change the settings for the Ethernet interface used for in-band communication.

#### ***To set the switch's IP address:***

Click **IP Address** on the **Configuration** menu to open the following window:

The image shows a web-based configuration window titled "Switch IP Settings". It contains a table with five rows: "Get IP From", "IP Address", "Subnet Mask", "Default Gateway", and "VID". The "Get IP From" row has a dropdown menu set to "Manual". The "IP Address" row has a text box with "10.90.90.90". The "Subnet Mask" row has a text box with "255.0.0.0". The "Default Gateway" row has a text box with "0.0.0.0". The "VID" row has a text box with "1". There is an "Apply" button at the bottom right of the window.

Switch IP Settings	
Get IP From	Manual
IP Address	10.90.90.90
Subnet Mask	255.0.0.0
Default Gateway	0.0.0.0
VID	1

Apply

Figure 6-10. Switch IP Settings window

**Note:** The switch's factory default IP address is 10.90.90.90 with a subnet mask of 255.0.0.0 and a default gateway of 0.0.0.0.

***To manually assign the switch's IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway address:***

Select **Manual** from the **Get IP From** drop-down menu.

Enter the appropriate IP address and subnet mask.

If you want to access the switch from a different subnet from the one it is installed on, enter the IP address of the gateway. If you will manage the switch from the subnet on which it is installed, you can leave the default address in this field.

If no VLANs have been previously configured on the switch, you can use the default VLAN – named **default**. The default VLAN contains all of the switch ports as members. If VLANs have been previously configured on the switch, you will need to enter the VLAN name of the VLAN that contains the port that the management station will access the switch on.

***To use the BOOTP or DHCP protocols to assign the switch an IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway address:***

Use the **Get IP From:** <*Manual*> pull-down menu to choose from *Manual*, *BOOTP*, or *DHCP*. This selects how the switch will be assigned an IP address on the next reboot (or startup).

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>BOOTP</b>	The switch will send out a BOOTP broadcast request when it is powered up. The BOOTP protocol allows IP addresses, network masks, and default gateways to be assigned by a central BOOTP server. If this option is set, the Switch will first look for a BOOTP server to provide it with this information before using the default or previously entered settings.
<b>DHCP</b>	The switch will send out a DHCP broadcast request when it is powered up. The DHCP protocol allows IP addresses, network masks, and default gateways to be assigned by a DHCP server. If this option is set, the switch will first look for a DHCP server to provide it with this information before using the default or previously entered settings.
<b>Manual</b>	Allows the entry of an IP address, Subnet Mask, and a Default Gateway for the switch. These fields should be of the form <i>xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx</i> , where each

*xxx* is a number (represented in decimal form) between 0 and 255. This address should be a unique address on the network assigned for use by the network administrator. The fields which require entries under this option are as follows:

**Subnet Mask**

A Bitmask that determines the extent of the subnet that the Switch is on. Should be of the form *xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx*, where each *xxx* is a number (represented in decimal) between 0 and 255. The value should be 255.0.0.0 for a Class A network, 255.255.0.0 for a Class B network, and 255.255.255.0 for a Class C network, but custom subnet masks are allowed.

**Default Gateway**

IP address that determines where packets with a destination address outside the current subnet should be sent. This is usually the address of a router or a host acting as an IP gateway. If your network is not part of an intranet, or you do not want the Switch to be accessible outside your local network, you can leave this field unchanged.

**VID**

This allows the entry of a VLAN ID number from which a management station (a computer) will be allowed to manage the switch using TCP/IP (in-band, or over the network). Management stations that are on VLANs other than the one entered in the **VID** field will not be able to

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manage the switch in-band unless their IP addresses are entered in the **Management Station IP Addresses** field. The default VLAN is named **default** and contains all of the switch's ports. There are no entries in the **Management Station IP Addresses** table, by default – so any management station can access the switch.

## Switch Information

Click the **Switch Information** link in the **Configuration** menu.

Switch Information (Basic Settings)	
Device Type	D-Link DES-3250 Ethernet Switch
External Module Type	1000TX+1000TX
MAC Address	00:01:02:03:04:00
Boot PROM Version	1.00.001
Firmware Version	1.00.026
Hardware Version	0A1
System Name	<input type="text"/>
System Location	<input type="text"/>
System Contact	<input type="text"/>

Apply

Figure 6-11. Switch Information (Basic Settings) window

This window shows which (if any) external modules are installed, and the switch's **MAC Address** (assigned by the factory and unchangeable). In addition, the **Boot PROM** and

**Firmware Version** numbers are shown. This information is helpful to keep track of PROM and Firmware updates and to obtain the switch's MAC address for entry into another network device's address table – if necessary.

You can also enter the name of the **System**, its location, and the name and telephone number of the System Administrator. It is recommended that the person responsible for the maintenance of the network system that this switch is installed on be listed here.

## Advanced Settings

Click **Advanced Settings** on the **Configuration** menu:

Switch Information (Advanced Settings)	
serial_port auto logout time	Never
MAC Address Aging Time	300
IGMP Snooping	Disabled
GVRP Status	Disabled
Telnet Status	Enabled
Web Status	Enabled
Link Aggregation Algorithm	Mac Source
RMON Status	Disabled

Figure 6-12. Switch Information (Advanced Settings) window

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description	
<b>Serial_port</b>	<b>auto</b>	Set the age out timer for the serial port

**logout time**<*Never*> to *2 minutes, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 15 minutes*, or *Never*.

**MAC Address Aging Time** <*300*> The **MAC Address Aging Time** specifies the length of time a learned MAC Address will remain in the forwarding table without being accessed (that is, how long a learned MAC Address is allowed to remain idle). The Aging Time can be set to any value between *10* and *1,000,000* seconds.

**IGMP Snooping** <*Disabled*> IGMP Snooping allows the switch to read the Multicast Group IP address and the corresponding MAC address from IGMP packets that pass through the switch. It can be enabled globally by toggling *Disabled* to *Enabled*.

**GVRP** **Status** <*Disabled*> To enable GVRP on the switch globally, toggle *Disabled* to *Enabled*.

**Telnet** **Status** <*Disabled*> The Switch can be accessed using Telnet. Toggle *Disabled* to *Enabled*.

**Web** **Status** <*Disabled*> To enable the Web status, toggle *Disabled* to *Enabled*.

**Link Aggregation Algorithm** <*Mac Source*> The Link Aggregation Algorithm can be set to one of the following: *IP Src & Dest, IP Destination, IP Source, Mac Src & Dest, Mac Destination*, or *Mac Source*.

**RMON** **Status** <*Disabled*> To enable RMON capability, toggle *Disabled* to *Enabled*.

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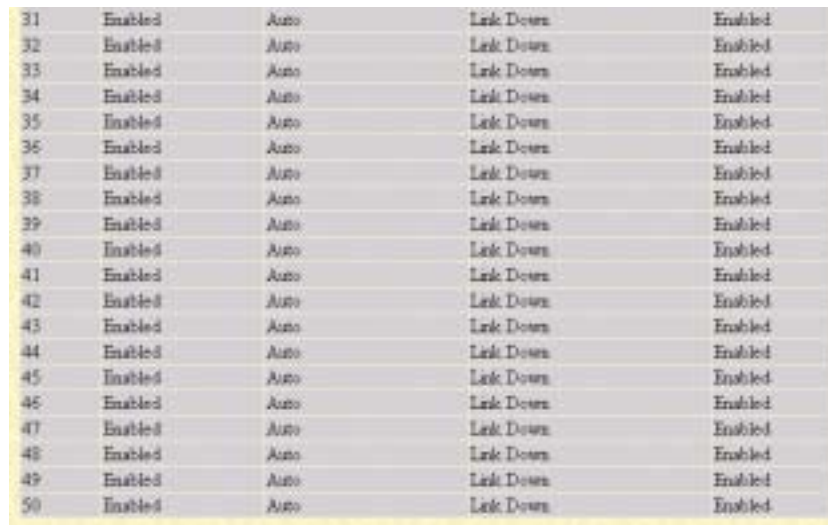
## ***Port Configuration***

Click the **Port Configuration** link in the **Configuration** menu:

Port Configuration					
From	To	State	Speed/Duplex	Learning	Apply
Port 1	Port 1	Disabled	Auto	Disabled	Apply

The Port Information Table				
Port	State	Speed/Duplex	Connection	Learning
1	Enabled	Auto	100MFull	Enabled
2	Enabled	Auto	Link Down	Enabled
3	Enabled	Auto	Link Down	Enabled
4	Enabled	Auto	Link Down	Enabled
5	Enabled	Auto	Link Down	Enabled
6	Enabled	Auto	Link Down	Enabled
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**Figure 6-13. Port Configuration window**

The **From** and **To** drop-down dialog boxes allow different ports to be selected for configuration.

Use the **State** pull-down menu to either enable or disable the selected port.

Use the **Speed/Duplex** pull-down menu to select the speed and duplex/half-duplex state of the port. The *Auto* setting allows the port to automatically determine the fastest settings the port on the device connected to the DES-3250TG can handle, and then use those settings. The other options for ports 1-48 are *100M/Full*, *100M/Half*, *10M/Full*, and *10M/Half*. For Combo ports 49 and 50, if the optional Mini-GBIC plug-in module is used, the options are *Auto* and *1000/Full*. Otherwise, the two 1000BASE-T Copper ports offer the same five choices for ports 1-48, plus a *1000/Full* option.

Please note that although the two front panel modules can be used simultaneously, the ports must be different. For example,

if port 50x is used on the Mini GBIC module, port 50x is not available on the 1000BASE-T module, and vice versa.

### Locking a Port's MAC Address Learning

A given port's (or a range of port's) dynamic MAC address learning can be locked such that the current source MAC addresses entered into the MAC address forwarding table can not be changed once the port lock is enabled. The port can be locked by selecting *Enabled* on the **Learning** pull-down menu on the **Port Configuration** window, and clicking **Apply**.

This is a security feature that prevents unauthorized computers (with source MAC addresses unknown to the switch prior to locking the port (or ports) from connecting to the switch's locked ports and gaining access to the network.

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>From</b> <Port 1> and <b>To</b> <Port 1>	Enter the desired range of ports to be configured in these fields.
<b>State</b> <Enabled>	Toggle the <b>State</b> <Enabled> field to either enable or disable a given port.
<b>Speed/Duplex</b> <Auto>	Toggle the <b>Speed/Duplex</b> <Auto> field to either select the speed and duplex/half-duplex state of the port. Auto – auto-negotiation between 10 and 100 Mbps devices, full- or half-duplex. The Auto setting allows the port to automatically determine the fastest settings the device the port is connected to can handle, and then to use those settings. The other options are <i>100M/Full</i> , <i>100M/Half</i> , <i>10M/Full</i> ,

and *10M/Half*. There is no automatic adjustment of port settings with any option other than *Auto*.

**Learning**  
*<Disabled>*

Allows the selected port (or port's) dynamic MAC address learning to be locked such that new source MAC addresses cannot be entered into the MAC address table for the locked port. It can be changed by toggling between *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

**Port Mirroring**

*To configure a port for port mirroring:*

Click **Port Mirroring** on the **Configuration** menu:

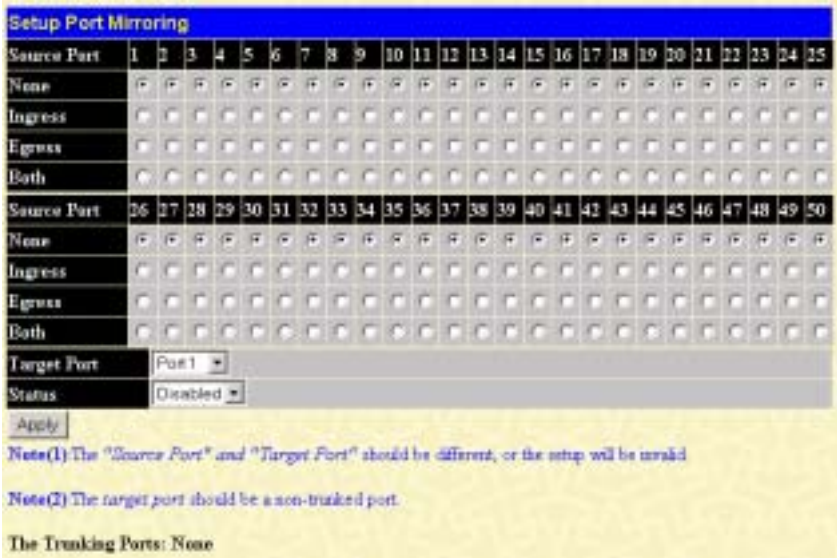


Figure 6-14. Setup Port Mirroring window



The target port is where information will be duplicated and sent for capture and network analysis. This is the port where a network analyzer would be attached to capture packets duplicated from the source port.

It should be noted that a faster port (a 1000 Mbps Gigabit Ethernet port, for example) should not be mirrored to a slower port (one of the 48 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet ports), because many packets will be dropped.

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Source Port</b>	Allows multiple ports to be mirrored. These ports are the sources of the packets to be duplicated and forwarded to the Target port.
<b>None</b>	Selecting this option prevents any packets from either being received or transmitted.
<b>Ingress</b>	Selecting this option mirrors only received packets.
<b>Egress</b>	Selecting this option mirrors only transmitted packets.
<b>Both</b>	Selecting this option mirrors both received and transmitted packets.
<b>Target Port</b>	This port is where information will be duplicated and sent for capture and network analysis.
<b>Status</b>	Toggle between <i>Enabled</i> and <i>Disabled</i> .

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## ***Link Aggregation***

Link aggregation allows several ports to be grouped together and to act as a single link. This gives a bandwidth that is a multiple of a single link's bandwidth.

Link aggregation is most commonly used to link a bandwidth intensive network device or devices – such as a server – to the backbone of a network.

The switch allows the creation of up to six link aggregation groups, each group consisting of up to eight links (ports). All of the ports in the group must be members of the same VLAN. Further, the aggregated links must all be of the same speed and should be configured as full duplex.

The configuration of the lowest numbered port in the group becomes the configuration for all of the ports in the aggregation group. This port is called the Master Port of the group, and all configuration options – including the VLAN configuration – that can be applied to the Master Port are applied to the entire link aggregation group.

Load balancing is automatically applied to the ports in the aggregated group, and a link failure within the group causes the network traffic to be directed to the remaining links in the group.

The Spanning Tree Protocol will treat a link aggregation group as a single link, on the switch level. On the port level, the STP will use the port parameters of the Master Port in the calculation of port cost and in determining the state of the link aggregation group. If two redundant link aggregation groups are configured on the switch, STP will block one entire group –

in the same way STP will block a single port that has a redundant link.



Figure 6-15. Port Link Aggregation Group window

***To configure a link aggregation group, click Add on the Port Link Aggregation Group window above:***



Figure 6-16. Port Link Aggregation Settings window

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Group ID</b>	Allows the entry of a number used to identify the link aggregation group – when adding a new group. Displays the Group ID of the currently selected link aggregation group –

when editing and existing entry.

**State** <*Disabled*>

This field can be toggled between *Enabled* and *Disabled*. This is used to turn a link aggregation group on or off. This is useful for diagnostics, to quickly isolate a bandwidth intensive network device, or to have an absolute backup link aggregation group that is not under automatic control.

**Master Port** <*Port 1*>

The Master port of link aggregation group.

**Member Port**

Allows the specification of the ports that will make up the link aggregation group.

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## IGMP

### *To configure IGMP Snooping:*

From the **Configuration** menu, select the **IGMP** folder, and then click **IGMP Snooping** to open the following window:



Current IGMP Snooping Group Entries				
VLAN ID	VLAN Name	State	Querier State	Modify
1	default	Disabled	Disabled	

Figure 6-17. Current IGMP Snooping Group Entries window

*To edit an IGMP Snooping entry on the switch, click the pointer icon next to the entry on the Current IGMP Snooping Group Entries window:*

IGMP Snooping Settings	
VLAN ID	1
VLAN Name	default
Query Interval	125
Max Responses Time	10
Robustness Value	2
Last Member Query Interval	1
Host Timeout	260
Route Timeout	260
Leave Timer	2
Querier State	Disabled
State	Disabled

Apply

[Show All IGMP Group Entries](#)

**Figure 6-18. IGMP Snooping Settings window**

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>VLAN ID</b>	Allows the entry of the VLAN ID for which IGMP Snooping is to be configured.
<b>VLAN Name</b>	Allows the entry of the name of the VLAN for which IGMP Snooping is to

be configured.

<b>Query Interval</b>	Allows the entry of a value between <i>1</i> and <i>65500</i> seconds, with a default of <i>125</i> seconds. This specifies the length of time between sending IGMP queries.
<b>Max Response Time</b>	Sets the maximum amount of time allowed before sending an IGMP response report. A value between <i>1</i> and <i>25</i> seconds can be entered, with a default of <i>10</i> seconds.
<b>Robustness Value</b>	A tuning variable to allow for VLANs that are expected to lose a large number of packets. A value between <i>2</i> and <i>255</i> can be entered, with larger values being specified for VLANs that are expected to lose larger numbers of packets.
<b>Last Member Query Interval</b>	Specifies the maximum amount of time between group-specific query messages, including those sent in response to leave group messages. The default is <i>1</i> second.
<b>Host Timeout</b>	Specifies the maximum amount of time a host can be a member of a multicast group without the switch receiving a host membership report. The default is <i>260</i> seconds.
<b>Route Timeout</b>	Specifies the maximum amount of time a route will remain in the switch's forwarding table without receiving a membership report. The

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default is *260* seconds.

**Leave Timer**

Specifies the maximum amount of time between the switch receiving a leave group message from a host, and the switch issuing a group membership query. If the switch does not receive a response from the group membership query before the Leave Timer expires, the forwarding table entry for the multicast address is deleted from the switch's forwarding table. The default is *2* seconds.

**Querier State**

This field can be switched using the pull-down menu between *Disabled* and *Enabled*.

**State**

This field can be switched using the pull-down menu between *Disabled* and *Enabled*. This is used to enable or disable IGMP Snooping for the specified VLAN.

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## Static Router Port Settings

A static router port is a port that has a multicast router attached to it. Generally, this router would have a connection to a WAN or to the Internet. Establishing a router port will allow multicast packets coming from the router to be propagated through the network, as well as allowing multicast messages (IGMP) coming from the network to be propagated to the router.

A router port has the following behavior:

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- All IGMP Report packets will be forwarded to the router port.
- IGMP queries (from the router port) will be flooded to all ports.
- All UDP multicast packets will be forwarded to the router port. Because routers do not send IGMP reports or implement IGMP snooping, a multicast router connected to the router port of the Layer 2 switch would not be able to receive UDP data streams unless the UDP multicast packets were all forwarded to the router port.

***To setup a static router port:***

Click **Static Router Ports Entry** under the **IGMP** folder on the **Configuration** menu:



Current Static Router Ports Entries		
VLAN ID	VLAN Name	Modify
1	default	

**Figure 6-19. Current Static Router Ports Entries window**

To add a static router port configuration, click the pointer icon:



Figure 6-20. Static Router Ports Settings window

The following fields are displayed:

Parameter	Description
<b>VID</b>	Displays the name of the VLAN ID the static router port belongs to.
<b>VLAN Name</b>	Displays the name of the VLAN the static router port belongs to.
<b>Member Ports</b>	Each port can be set individually as a router port by clicking the port's click-box entry.

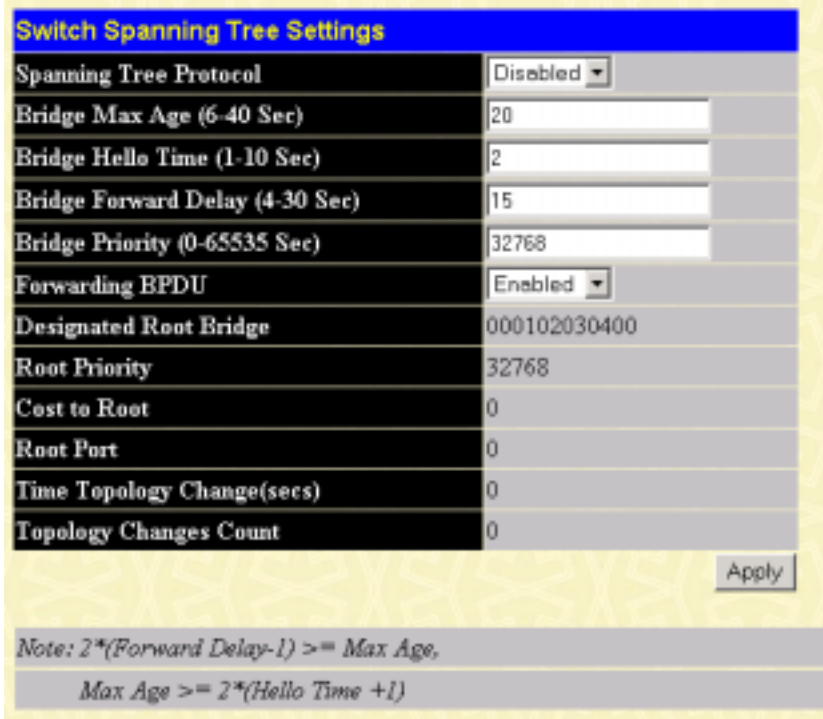
## Spanning Tree

### STP Switch Settings

The Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) operates on two levels: on the switch level, the settings are globally implemented. On the port

level, the settings are implemented on a per user-defined Group of ports basis.

***To globally configure STP on the switch, click the Spanning Tree folder, and then the STP Switch Settings link:***



The image shows a web-based configuration window titled "Switch Spanning Tree Settings". It contains a table of settings for Spanning Tree Protocol (STP). The settings are as follows:

Setting	Value
Spanning Tree Protocol	Disabled
Bridge Max Age (6-40 Sec)	20
Bridge Hello Time (1-10 Sec)	2
Bridge Forward Delay (4-30 Sec)	15
Bridge Priority (0-65535 Sec)	32768
Forwarding BPDU	Enabled
Designated Root Bridge	000102030400
Root Priority	32768
Cost to Root	0
Root Port	0
Time Topology Change(secs)	0
Topology Changes Count	0

At the bottom right of the table is an "Apply" button. Below the table, there is a note:

Note:  $2 * (\text{Forward Delay} - 1) \geq \text{Max Age}$ ,  
 $\text{Max Age} \geq 2 * (\text{Hello Time} + 1)$

**Figure 6-21. Switch Spanning Tree Settings window**

**Note:** the factory default setting should cover the majority of installations. It is advisable to keep the default settings as set at the factory unless it is absolutely necessary to change them.

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Spanning Tree Protocol</b> <Disabled>	This field can be toggled between <i>Enabled</i> and <i>Disabled</i> using the pull-down menu. This will enable or disable the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP), globally, for the switch.
<b>Bridge Max Age (6-40 Sec)</b> <20 >	The Bridge Maximum Age can be set from <i>6</i> to <i>40</i> seconds. At the end of the Max. Age, if a BPDU has still not been received from the Root Bridge, your Switch will start sending its own BPDU to all other Switches for permission to become the Root Bridge. If it turns out that your Switch has the lowest Bridge Identifier, it will become the Root Bridge.
<b>Bridge Hello Time (1-10 Sec)</b> <2 >	The Bridge Hello Time can be set from <i>1</i> to <i>10</i> seconds. This is the interval between two transmissions of BPDU packets sent by the Root Bridge to tell all other Switches that it is indeed the Root Bridge.
<b>Bridge Forward Delay (4-30 sec)</b> <15 >	The Bridge Forward Delay can be from <i>4</i> to <i>30</i> seconds. This is the time any port on the Switch spends in the listening state while moving from the blocking state to the forwarding state.
<b>Bridge Priority (0-65535 Sec)</b> <32768>	A Bridge Priority for the switch can be set from <i>0</i> to <i>65535</i> . This number is used in the voting process between switches on the network to

determine which switch will be the root switch. A low number indicates a high priority, and a high probability that this switch will be elected as the root switch.

**Forwarding BPDU**  
<Enabled>

This allows you to control whether or not to forward Bridge Protocol Data Units. Disabling this setting can be useful if, for example, the present switch has been designated as the root bridge and you do not want that status to change.

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**Note:** the Hello Time cannot be longer than the Max. Age. Otherwise, a configuration error will occur.

**Observe the following formulas when setting the above parameters:**

Max. Age  $\leq 2 \times$  (Forward Delay - 1 second)

Max. Age  $\geq 2 \times$  (Hello Time + 1 second)

## STP Port Settings

The Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) operates on two levels: on the switch level, the settings are globally implemented. On the port level, the settings are implemented on a per user-defined Group of ports basis.

***To configure STP on a per user-defined group of ports basis, click the Spanning Tree folder on the Configuration menu and then click on the STP Port Settings link:***

**STP Port Settings**

From	To	State	Cost(1-65535)	Priority(0-255)	Apply
Port 1 ▾	Port 1 ▾	Disabled ▾	19	128	Apply

**The STP Port Information**

Port	Connection	State	Cost	Priority	STP Status
1	100M/Full	Enabled	19	128	Forwarding
2	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
3	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
4	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
5	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
6	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
7	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
8	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
9	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
10	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
11	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
12	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
13	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
14	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
15	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
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29	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
30	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled

31	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
32	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
33	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
34	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
35	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
36	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
37	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
38	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
39	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
40	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
41	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
42	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
43	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
44	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
45	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
46	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
47	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
48	Link Down	Enabled	19	128	Disabled
49	Link Down	Enabled	4	128	Disabled
50	Link Down	Enabled	4	128	Disabled

**Figure 6-22. STP Port Settings window**

In addition to setting Spanning Tree parameters for use on the switch level, the switch allows for the configuration of groups of ports, each port-group of which will have its own spanning tree, and will require some of its own configuration settings. An STP Group will use the switch-level parameters entered above, with the addition of Port Priority and Port Cost.

An STP Group spanning tree works in the same way as the switch-level spanning tree, but the root bridge concept is replaced with a root port concept. A root port is a port of the group that is elected on the basis of port priority and port cost, to be the connection to the network for the group. Redundant links will be blocked, just as redundant links are blocked on the switch level.

The STP on the switch level blocks redundant links between switches (and similar network devices). The port level STP will block redundant links within an STP Group.

It is advisable to define an STP Group to correspond to a VLAN group of ports.

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>From and To</b>	Select the range of ports that will make up the STP Group.
<b>State</b> <Disabled>	Toggle to enable STP on the selected ports.
<b>Cost</b> (1~65535) <19>	A Port Cost can be set from 1 to 65535. The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen to forward packets.
<b>Priority</b> (0~255) <128>	A Port Priority can be from 0 to 255. The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen as the Root Port.

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## ***Forwarding Filtering***

### **Unicast MAC Address Forwarding**

MAC addresses can be statically entered into the switch's MAC Address Forwarding Table. These addresses will never age out.

***To enter a MAC address into the switch's forwarding table, click on the Forwarding Filtering folder on the Configuration menu and then click Unicast Forwarding:***

Setup Static Unicast Forwarding Table

VLAN ID	MAC Address	Allowed to Go Port
1	aabbccddeeff	Port1

Add/Modify

Static Unicast Forwarding Table

Mac Address	VID	VLAN Name	Port	Delete
aabbccddeeff	1	default	1	X

Figure 6-23. Setup Static Unicast Forwarding Table window

The following fields can be set:


Parameter	Description
<b>VLAN ID</b>	Allows the entry of the VLAN ID of the VLAN the MAC address below is a member of – when editing. Displays the VLAN ID the currently selected MAC address is a member of – when editing an existing entry.
<b>MAC Address</b>	Allows the entry of the MAC address of an end station that will be entered into the switch’s static forwarding table when adding a new entry. Displays the currently selected MAC address when editing.
<b>Allowed to Go Port</b>	Allows the selection of the port number on which the MAC address entered above resides.



## Multicast MAC Address Forwarding

Multicast MAC addresses can be statically entered into the switch's MAC Address Forwarding Table. These addresses will never age out.

***To enter a Multicast MAC address into the switch's forwarding table, click on the Forwarding Filtering folder on the Configuration menu and then click Multicast Forwarding:***



Static Multicast Forwarding Settings				
Add new Multicast Forwarding Settings				Add
Current Multicast Forwarding Entries				
VLAN ID	MAC Address	Type	Modify	Delete

Figure 6-24. Static Multicast Forwarding Settings window

***To add a new multicast MAC address to the switch's forwarding table, click the Add button:***



Figure 6-25. Setup Static Multicast Forwarding Table window

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>VID</b>	Allows the entry of the VLAN ID of the VLAN the MAC address below is a member of.
<b>Type</b>	Only Static multicast forwarding entries can be entered in this version of the switch.
<b>Multicast Address</b>	<b>MAC</b> Allows the entry of the multicast MAC address of an end station that will be entered into the switch's static forwarding table.
<b>Port</b>	Select the port number on which the MAC address entered above resides.
<b>None</b>	Specifies the port as being none.

<b>Egress</b>	Specifies the port as being a source of multicast packets originating from the MAC address specified above.
<b>Forbidden</b>	Forbidden Non-Member - specifies the port as not being a member of the VLAN and that the port is forbidden from becoming a member of the VLAN dynamically.

## MAC Address Filtering

MAC addresses can be statically entered into the switch's MAC Address Filtering Table. These addresses will never age out.

***To enter a MAC address into the switch's filtering table, click the Forwarding Filtering folder on the Configuration menu and then click Mac Address Filtering:***

MAC Address Filtering Setting		
MAC Address	Type	Apply
00:00:00:00:00:00	Dst	Apply

MAC Address Filtering Table		
MAC Address	Type	Delete

Figure 6-26. MAC Address Filtering Setting window

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>MAC Address</b>	The MAC address that is to be filtered on the switch.

<b>Type</b>	Allows the selection of the state of the MAC address under which packets will be dropped by the switch. The options are; <i>Dst</i> – destination, <i>Src</i> – source, and <i>Either</i> . When <i>Dst</i> is chosen, packets with the above MAC address as their destination will be dropped. When <i>Src</i> is chosen, packets with the above MAC address as their source will be dropped. When <i>Either</i> is chosen, all packets to or from the above MAC address will be dropped by the switch.
<b>Delete</b>	Click the icon to remove the entry from the filtering table.

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## VLANs

### ***To create a new 802.1Q VLAN:***

The VLAN menu adds an entry to edit the VLAN definitions and to configure the port settings for IEEE 802.1Q VLAN support. Go to the **Configuration** menu, select the **VLANs** folder, and click **Static VLAN Entry** to open the following window:



Figure 6-27. 802.1Q Static VLANs window

To delete an existing 802.1Q VLAN, click the corresponding click-box to the left of the VLAN you want to delete from the switch and then click the **Delete** button.

**To create a new 802.1Q VLAN, click the Add button:**



Figure 6-28. (Add) 802.1Q Static VLAN window

*To edit an existing 802.1Q VLAN, click the corresponding pointer icon in the Modify column on the 802.1Q Static Vlan window. The following window will open:*



Figure 6-29. (Modify) 802.1Q Static VLAN window

The following fields can then be set in either of the two **802.1Q Static VLAN** windows:

Parameter	Description
<b>VLAN ID (VID)</b>	Allows the entry of a VLAN ID in the <b>Add</b> window, or displays the VLAN ID of an existing VLAN in the <b>Modify</b> window. VLANs can be identified by either the VID or the VLAN name.
<b>VLAN Name</b>	Allows the entry of a name for the new VLAN in the <b>Add</b> window, or for editing the VLAN name in the <b>Modify</b> window.

<b>Advertisement</b>	Advertising can be enabled or disabled using this pull-down menu. Advertising allows members to join this VLAN through GVRP.
<b>Port</b>	Allows an individual port to be specified as member of a VLAN.
<b>Tagged/None</b>	Allows an individual port to be specified as Tagging. A check in the <b>Tagged</b> field specifies the port as a Tagging member of the VLAN. When an untagged packet is transmitted by the port, the packet header is changed to include the 32-bit tag associated with the VID (VLAN Identifier – see below). When a tagged packet exits the port, the packet header is unchanged.
<b>None</b>	Allows an individual port to be specified as <b>None</b> . When an untagged packet is transmitted by the port, the packet header remains unchanged. When a tagged packet exits the port, the tag is stripped and the packet is changed to an untagged packet.
<b>Egress</b>	Egress Member - specifies the port as being a static member of the VLAN. Egress Member Ports are ports that will be transmitting traffic for the VLAN. These ports can be either tagged or untagged.
<b>Forbidden</b>	Forbidden Non-Member - specifies the port as not being a member of

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the VLAN and that the port is forbidden from becoming a member of the VLAN dynamically.

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The **802.1Q Port Settings** window, shown below, allows you to determine whether the switch will share its VLAN configuration information with other **GVRP** (GARP VLAN Registration Protocol)-enabled switches. In addition, **Ingress** can be used to limit traffic by filtering incoming packets whose PVID does not match the PVID of the port.



802.1Q Port Settings				
From	To	GVRP	Ingress	Apply
Port 1 ▾	Port 1 ▾	Disabled ▾	Disabled ▾	Apply

802.1Q Port Table			
Port	PVID	GVRP	Ingress
1	1	Enabled	Disabled
2	1	Enabled	Disabled
3	1	Enabled	Disabled
4	1	Enabled	Disabled
5	1	Enabled	Disabled
6	1	Enabled	Disabled
7	1	Enabled	Disabled
8	1	Enabled	Disabled
9	1	Enabled	Disabled
10	1	Enabled	Disabled
11	1	Enabled	Disabled
12	1	Enabled	Disabled
13	1	Enabled	Disabled
14	1	Enabled	Disabled
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42	1	Enabled	Disabled
43	1	Enabled	Disabled
44	1	Enabled	Disabled
45	1	Enabled	Disabled
46	1	Enabled	Disabled
47	1	Enabled	Disabled
48	1	Enabled	Disabled
49	1	Enabled	Disabled
50	1	Enabled	Disabled

Figure 6-30. 802.1Q Port Settings window

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>From and To</b>	Enter the desired ports in these two fields.
<b>PVID</b>	A Port VLAN Identifier is a classification mechanism that associates a port with a specific VLAN and is used to make forwarding decisions for untagged packets received by the port. For example, if port #2 is assigned a

PVID of 3, then all untagged packets received on port #2 will be assigned to VLAN 3. This number is generally the same as the VID# number assigned to the port in the Modify 802.1Q VLANs menu above.

**GVRP** <*Disabled*> The Group VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) enables the port to dynamically become a member of a VLAN.

**Ingress** <*Disabled*> This field can be toggled using the space bar between *Enabled* and *Disabled*. *Enabled* enables the port to compare the VID tag of an incoming packet with the PVID number assigned to the port. If the two are different, the port filters (drops) the packet. *Disabled* disables Ingress filtering.

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***To enable or disable GVRP, globally, on the switch:***

Go to the **Configuration** menu and click **Advanced Settings**. Toggle the drop-down menu for **GVRP Status** between *Enabled* and *Disabled*. Click **Apply** to let your change take effect.

## ***Port Bandwidth***

The Bandwidth Settings window allows you to set and display the Ingress bandwidth and Egress bandwidth of specified ports on the switch.

Bandwidth Settings					
From	To	Type	no_limit	Rate	Apply
Port 1	Port 1	RX	Disabled	1	Apply

Port Bandwidth Table		
Port	RX Rate (Mbit/sec)	TX Rate (Mbit/sec)
1	no_limit	no_limit
2	no_limit	no_limit
3	no_limit	no_limit
4	no_limit	no_limit
5	no_limit	no_limit
6	no_limit	no_limit
7	no_limit	no_limit
8	no_limit	no_limit
9	no_limit	no_limit
10	no_limit	no_limit
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42	no_limit	no_limit
43	no_limit	no_limit
44	no_limit	no_limit
45	no_limit	no_limit
46	no_limit	no_limit
47	no_limit	no_limit
48	no_limit	no_limit
49	no_limit	no_limit
50	no_limit	no_limit

**Figure 6-31. Bandwidth Settings window**

To use the bandwidth feature, enter the port or range of ports in the **From** and **To** fields. The third field allows you to set the type of packets being received and/or transmitted by the Switch. Toggle the **no\_limit** setting to *Enabled* in the fourth field, or if you prefer, manually enter a value in the **Rate** field, and then click **Apply**. Please note that if **no\_limit** is *Enabled*, the Switch will not permit you to set the bandwidth rate manually.

## ***QOS (Quality of Service)***

The DES-3250TG switch supports 802.1p priority queuing. The switch has four priority queues. These priority queues are numbered from 0 — the lowest priority queue — to 3 — the highest priority queue. The eight priority queues specified in IEEE 802.1p (Q0 to Q7) are mapped to the switch's priority queues as follows:

Q2 and Q1 are assigned to the switch's Q0 queue.

Q3 and Q0 are assigned to the switch's Q1 queue.

Q5 and Q4 are assigned to the switch's Q2 queue.

Q7 and Q6 are assigned to the switch's Q3 queue.

The switch's four priority queues are emptied in a round-robin fashion—beginning with the highest priority queue, and proceeding to the lowest priority queue before returning to the highest priority queue.

For strict priority-based scheduling, any packets residing in the higher priority queues are transmitted first. Only when these queues are empty, are packets of lower priority transmitted.

The weighted-priority based scheduling alleviates the main disadvantage of strict priority-based scheduling – in that lower priority queues get starved of bandwidth – by providing a minimum bandwidth to all queues for transmission. This is accomplished by configuring the maximum number of packets allowed to be transmitted from a given priority queue and the maximum amount of time a given priority queue will have to wait before being allowed to transmit its accumulated packets. This establishes a Class of Service (CoS) for each of the switch's four hardware priority queues.

The possible range for maximum packets is: 0 to 255 packets.

The possible range for maximum latency is: 0 to 255 (in increments of 16 microseconds each).

Remember that the DES-3250TG has four priority queues (and thus four Classes of Service) for each port on the switch.

## Configuring QoS Output Scheduling

***Click QoS on the Configuration menu, and then click scheduling:***



	Max. Packets(0-255)	Max. Latency(0-255)
Class-0	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Class-1	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Class-2	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Class-3	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Apply

**Figure 6-32. QoS Output Scheduling window**

The **Max. Packets(0-255)** field specifies the number of packets that a queue will transmit before surrendering the transmit buffer to the next lower priority queue in a round-robin fashion.

The **Max. Latency(0-255)** field specifies the maximum amount of time that a queue will have to wait before being given access to the transmit buffer. The **Max. Latency(0-255)** is a priority queue timer. When it expires, it overrides the round-robin and gives the priority queue that it was set for access to the transmit buffer.

There is a small amount of additional latency introduced because the priority queue that is transmitting at the time the

**Max. Latency(0-255)** time expires will finish transmitting its current packet before giving up the transmit buffer.

### **Configuring 802.1p Default Priority**

The switch allows the assignment of a default 802.1p priority to each port on the switch.

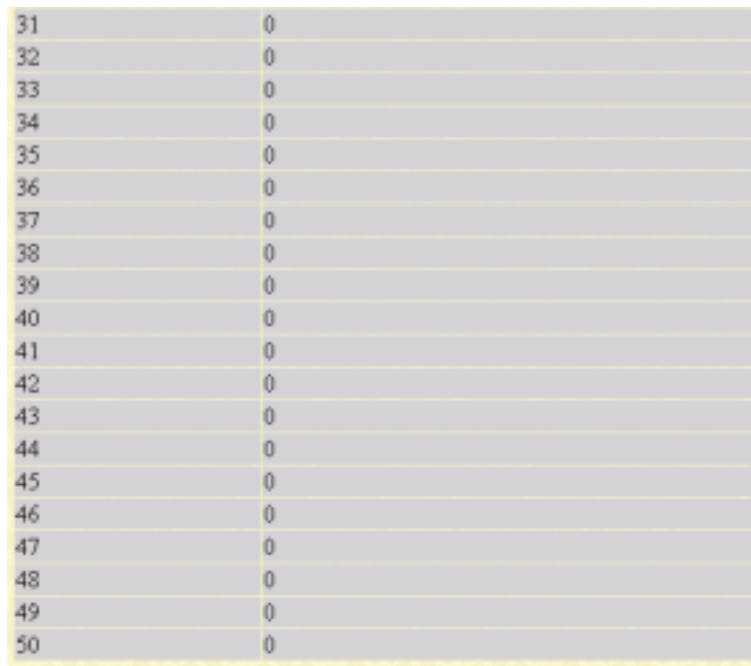
***Click 802.1p default\_priority in the QoS folder on the Configuration menu:***



802.1p default_priority Settings			
From	To	Priority(0-7)	Apply
Port 1 ▾	Port 1 ▾	0	Apply

802.1p default_priority Table	
Port	Priority
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	0
15	0
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43	0
44	0
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48	0
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50	0

**Figure 6-33. 802.1p default\_priority Settings window**

This window allows you to assign a default 802.1p priority to any given port on the switch. The priority queues are numbered from 0 – the lowest priority – to 7 – the highest priority.

### **Configuring 802.1p User Priority**

The DES-3250TG allows the assignment of a Class of Traffic to each of the 802.1p priorities.

***Click 802.1p user\_priority in the QoS folder on the Configuration menu:***

QoS Class of Traffic	
Priority-0	Class-1
Priority-1	Class-0
Priority-2	Class-0
Priority-3	Class-1
Priority-4	Class-2
Priority-5	Class-2
Priority-6	Class-3
Priority-7	Class-3

Apply

**Figure 6-34. QoS Class of Traffic window**

Once you have assigned a maximum number of packets and a maximum latency to a given Class of Service on the switch, you can then assign this Class to each of the eight levels of 802.1p priorities.

### **Traffic Control**

This window allows you to manage traffic control on the switch.

***Click Traffic control in the QoS folder on the Configuration menu:***

Traffic Control Setting

Group	Broadcast Storm	Multicast Storm	Destination Lookup Fail	Threshold	Apply
1	Disabled	Enabled	Enabled	128	Apply

Traffic Control Information Table

Group[ports]	Broadcast Storm	Multicast Storm	Destination Lookup Fail	Threshold
1[1-8]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
2[9-16]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
3[17-24]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
4[25-32]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
5[33-40]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
6[41-48]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
7[49]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128
8[50]	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	128

Figure 6-35. Traffic Control Setting window

The following fields can be set:

<b>Group</b> <1>	Select the desired group of ports from the drop-down menu.
<b>Broadcast Storm</b> <Disabled>	This field can be toggled between <i>Enabled</i> and <i>Disabled</i> using the drop-down menu. This enables or disables, globally, the Switch's reaction to Broadcast storms, triggered at the threshold set in the last field.
<b>Multicast Storm</b> <Disabled>	This field can be toggled between <i>Enabled</i> and <i>Disabled</i> using the drop-down menu. This enables or disables, globally, the Switch's reaction to Multicast storms,

triggered at the threshold set above.

**Destination  
Lookup**  
<Disabled>

**Fail**

This field can be toggled between *Enabled* and *Disabled* using the drop-down menu. This enables or disables, globally, the Switch's reaction to Destination Address Unknown storms, triggered at the threshold set above.

**Threshold <128>**

This is the value in units of packets per second, beyond which the ingress port for that block discards packets. Each port contains three counters, one each for Broadcast, Multicast, and Destination Lookup Fail packets. The counters are cleared every second. If the counter for a particular type of packet exceeds this threshold within one second, then further packets of that type will be dropped.

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## Traffic Segmentation

This window allows you to manage traffic segmentation on the switch.

***Click Traffic Segmentation in the QoS folder on the Configuration menu:***

Traffic Segmentation Setting		
Port	Forward Portlist	Apply
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>

Traffic Segmentation Table	
Port	Forward Portlist
1	1-50
2	1-50
3	1-50
4	1-50
5	1-50
6	1-50
7	1-50
8	1-50
9	1-50
10	1-50
11	1-50
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41	1-50
42	1-50
43	1-50
44	1-50
45	1-50
46	1-50
47	1-50
48	1-50
49	1-50
50	1-50

**Figure 6-36. Traffic Segmentation Setting window**

Enter a source port number in the first field and the range of the ports that you want to segment in the second field. For example, if you enter “5” in the first field and “5-8” in the second field, packets from port 5 will only be forwarded to ports 5 to 8. Packets to port 9, then, will be dropped. Click **Apply** to let your changes take effect.

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## Management

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The DES-3250TG allows you to manage the switch via the **Management** menu. The menu consists of the following folders

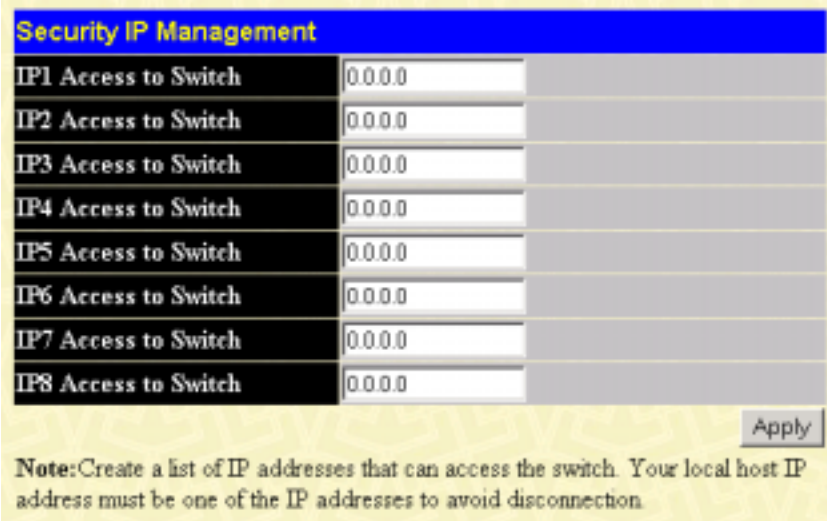
and screens: **Security IP**, **SNMP Manager**, **Trap Manager**, and **User Accounts**. See below for further description.

## Security IP

Some settings must be entered to allow the switch to be managed from an SNMP-based Network Management System such as SNMP v1 or to be able to access the Switch using the Telnet protocol or the Web Manager.

### *To setup the switch for remote management:*

Click the **Security IP** link in the **Management** menu:



The screenshot shows a web-based configuration window titled "Security IP Management". It contains a table with 8 rows, each representing an IP address for access to the switch. The table has three columns: a label (e.g., "IP1 Access to Switch"), an input field for the IP address (all showing "0.0.0.0"), and a greyed-out column. Below the table is an "Apply" button and a note.

Security IP Management		
IP1 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP2 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP3 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP4 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP5 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP6 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP7 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	
IP8 Access to Switch	0.0.0.0	

Apply

**Note:**Create a list of IP addresses that can access the switch. Your local host IP address must be one of the IP addresses to avoid disconnection.

**Figure 6-37. Security IP Management window**

Management stations are computers on the network that will be used to manage the switch. You can limit the number of possible management stations by entering up to eight IP addresses. If the eight **IP Address** fields contain all zeros ("0"),



then any station with any IP address can access the switch to manage and configure it. If there is one or more IP addresses entered in the **IP Address** fields, then only stations with the IP addresses entered will be allowed to access the switch to manage or configure it.

## ***SNMP Manager***

To configure SNMP Community strings, click **SNMP Manager** on the **Management** menu.

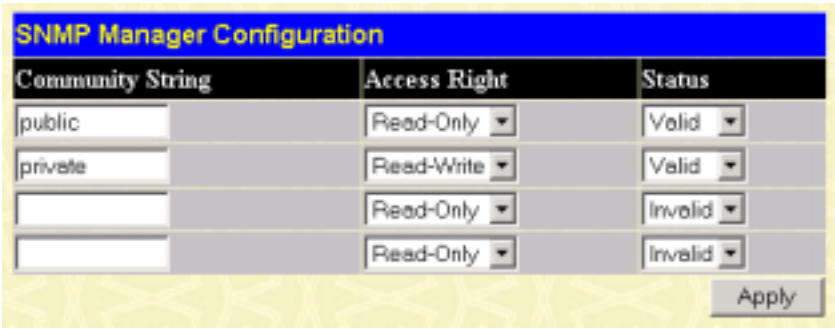
This window is used to create an SNMP community string and to specify the string as having read only or read-write privileges for the SNMP management host.

A community sting is an alphanumeric string of up to 32 characters used to authentication of users wanting access to the switch's SNMP agent.

**Read** – read only – allows the user using the above community string to have read only access to the switch's SNMP agent. The default read only community string is **public**.

**R/W** – read/write – allows the user using the above community string to have read and write access to the switch's SNMP agent. The default read write community string is **private**.

Only administrator-level users can configure community strings. A maximum of 4 community strings can be specified.



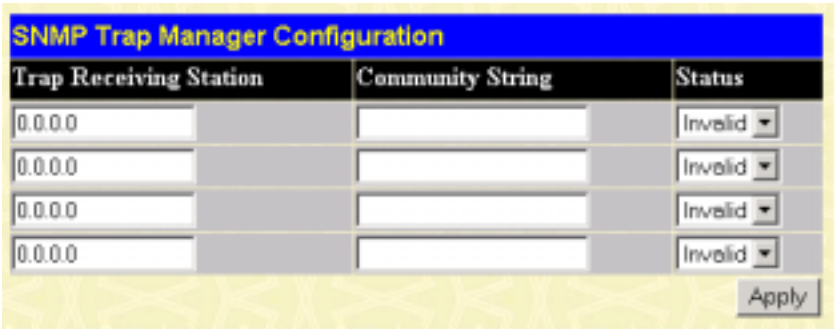
The image shows a web-based configuration window titled "SNMP Manager Configuration". It contains a table with three columns: "Community String", "Access Right", and "Status". There are four rows in the table. The first row has "public" in the Community String, "Read-Only" in the Access Right, and "Valid" in the Status. The second row has "private" in the Community String, "Read-Write" in the Access Right, and "Valid" in the Status. The third and fourth rows have empty Community String fields, "Read-Only" in the Access Right, and "Invalid" in the Status. An "Apply" button is located at the bottom right of the window.

Community String	Access Right	Status
public	Read-Only	Valid
private	Read-Write	Valid
	Read-Only	Invalid
	Read-Only	Invalid

Figure 6-38. SNMP Manager Configuration window

Trap Manager

This allows the switch to send traps (messages about errors, etc.) to management stations on the network. Click **Trap Manager** in the **Management** menu. The trap recipients can be setup from the following window:



The image shows a web-based configuration window titled "SNMP Trap Manager Configuration". It contains a table with three columns: "Trap Receiving Station", "Community String", and "Status". There are four rows in the table. Each row has "0.0.0.0" in the Trap Receiving Station field, an empty Community String field, and "Invalid" in the Status. An "Apply" button is located at the bottom right of the window.

Trap Receiving Station	Community String	Status
0.0.0.0		Invalid
0.0.0.0		Invalid
0.0.0.0		Invalid
0.0.0.0		Invalid

Figure 6-39. SNMP Trap Manager Configuration window

The **Trap Receiving Station** field is the IP address of a management station (a computer) that is configured to receive the SNMP traps from the switch.

The **SNMP Community String** is similar to a password in that stations that do not know the correct string cannot receive or request SNMP information from the switch.

The **Status** field can be toggled between *Valid* and *Invalid* to enable or disable the receipt of SNMP traps by the listed management stations.

## User Accounts

From the **Management** menu, click **User Accounts** and then the **User Account Management** window appears.

The screenshot shows the 'User Account Management' window. It has a blue title bar with the text 'User Account Management'. Below the title bar is a table with two columns: 'User Name' and 'Access Right'. To the right of the 'Access Right' column is an 'Add' button.

Figure 6-40. User Account Management window

Click **Add** to add a user.

The screenshot shows the 'User Account Modify Table' window. It has a blue title bar with the text 'User Account Modify Table'. Below the title bar is a form with four rows: 'User Name', 'New Password', 'Confirm New Password', and 'Access Right'. Each row has a text input field. The 'Access Right' row has a dropdown menu with 'Admin' selected. To the right of the form is an 'Apply' button. At the bottom left of the window is a link that says 'Show All User Account Entries'.

Figure 6-41. User Account Modify Table window

1. Enter the new user name, assign an initial password, and then confirm the new password. Determine whether the new user should have **Admin** or **User** privileges.
2. Click **Apply** to make the user addition effective.

3. A listing of all user accounts and access levels is shown in the **User Account Management** window. This list is updated when Apply is executed. Click **Show All User Account Entries** to access this window.

Please remember that Apply makes changes to the switch configuration for the **current session only**. All changes (including User additions or updates) must be entered into non-volatile ram using the **Save Changes** command on the **Main Menu** - if you want these changes to be permanent.

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## Monitoring

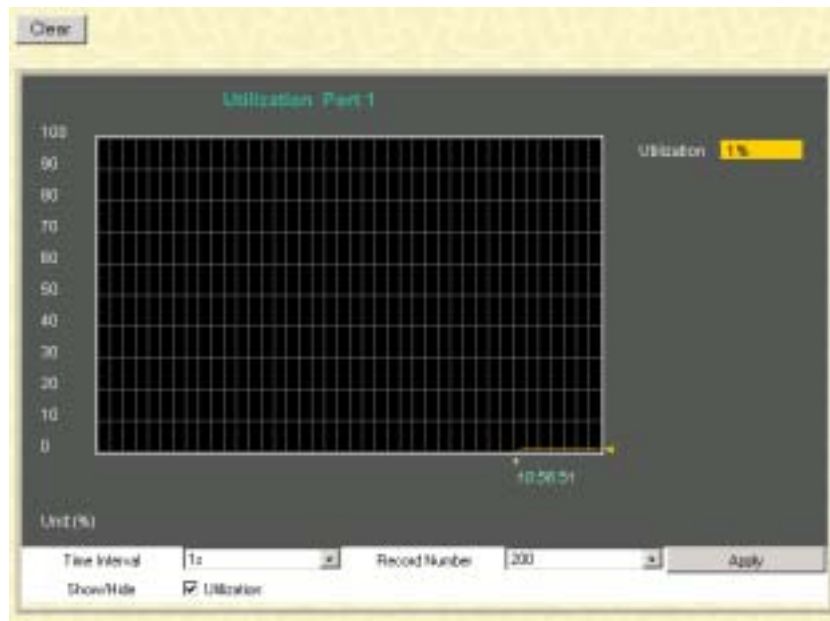
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The DES-3250TG provides extensive network monitoring capabilities that can be viewed under the **Monitoring** menu. The menu consists of the following folders and screens: **Port Utilization**, **Packets**, **Errors**, **Size**, **MAC Address**, **IGMP Snooping Group**, **VLAN Status**, and **Router Port**. See below for further description.

### *Port Utilization*

The **Utilization** window shows the percentage of the total available bandwidth being used on the port.

***To view port utilization, click on the Monitoring folder and then the Port Utilization link:***



**Figure 6-42. Utilization window**

Click the port on the front panel display that you to display the port utilization for.

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between <i>1s</i> and <i>60s</i> , where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between <i>20</i> and <i>200</i> . The default value is <i>20</i> .

The default value is *20*.

**Show/Hide**

Check to display Utilization.

**Clear**

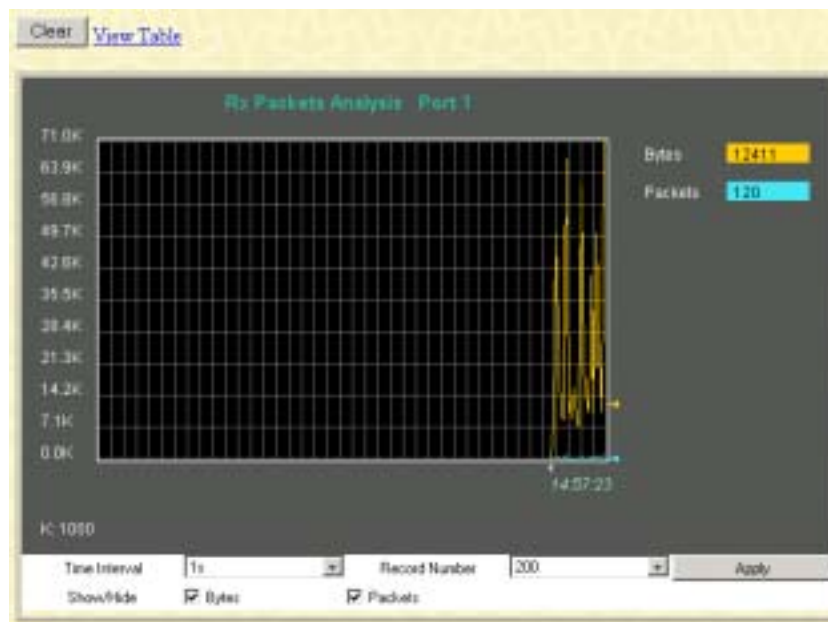
Clicking this button clears all statistics counters on this window.

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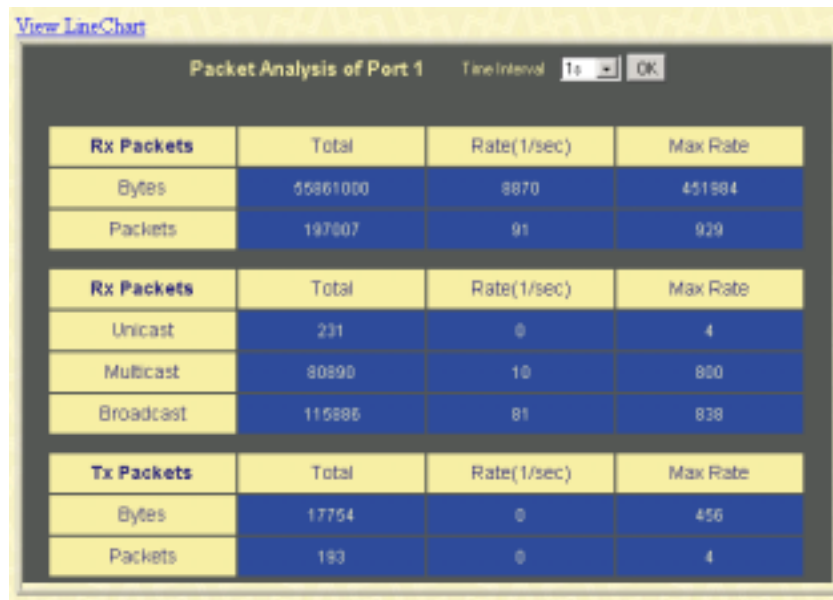
## ***Packets***

The Web Manager allows various packet statistics to be viewed as either a line graph or a table. Six windows are offered.

### **Received (RX)**



**Figure 6-43. Rx Packets Analysis window (line graph for Bytes and Packets)**



**Figure 6-44. Rx Packets Analysis window (table for Bytes and Packets)**

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between <i>1s</i> and <i>60s</i> , where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between <i>20</i> and <i>200</i> . The default value is <i>20</i> .
<b>Bytes</b>	Counts the number of bytes received on the port.

<b>Packets</b>	Counts the number of packets received on the port.
<b>Show/Hide</b>	Check whether or not to display Bytes and Packets.
<b>Clear</b>	Clicking this button clears all statistics counters on this window.
<b>View Table</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a table rather than a line graph.
<b>View Line Chart</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a line graph rather than a table.

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## UMB-cast (RX)

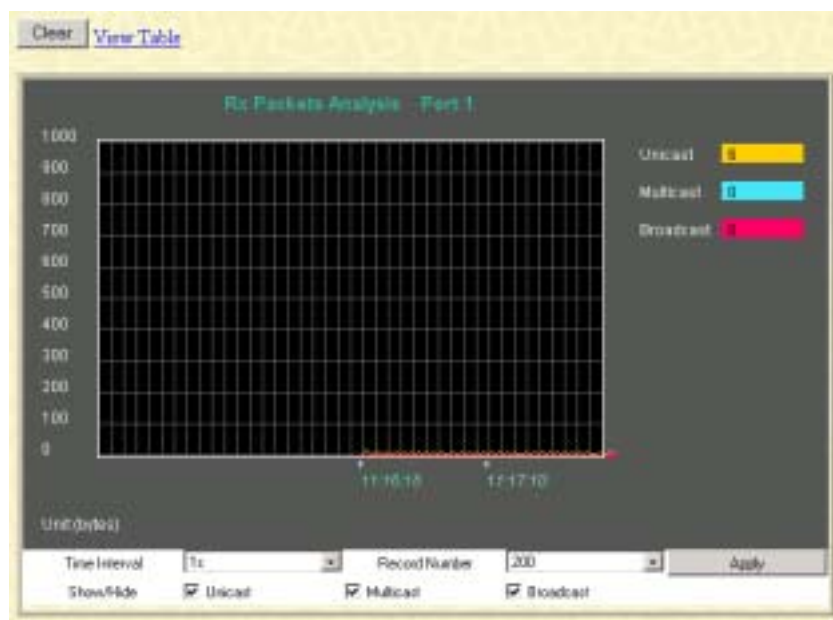


Figure 6-45. Rx Packets Analysis window (line graph for Unicast, Multicast, and Broadcast Packets)

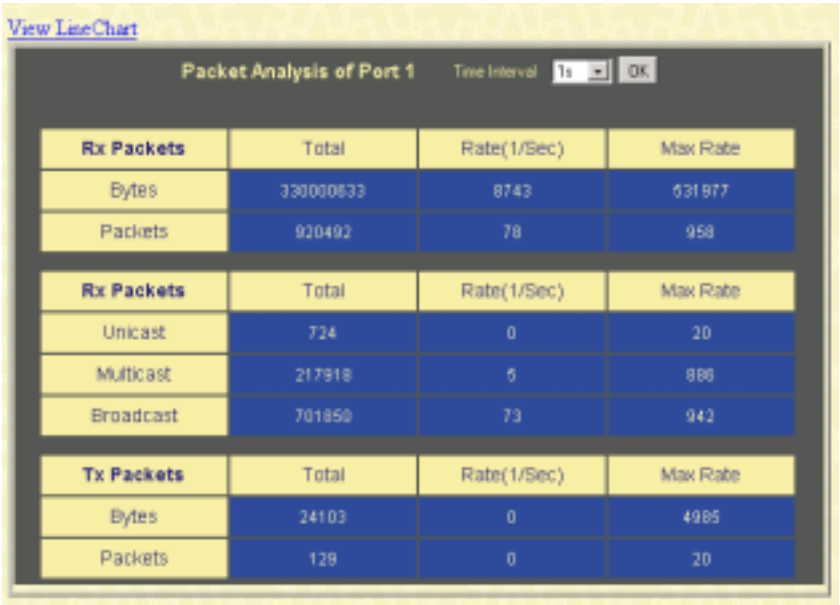


Figure 6-46. Rx Packets Analysis window (table for Unicast, Multicast, and Broadcast Packets)

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between <i>1s</i> and <i>60s</i> , where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between <i>20</i> and <i>200</i> . The default value is <i>20</i> .
<b>Unicast</b>	Counts the total number of good packets that were received by a

unicast address.

**Multicast**

Counts the total number of good packets that were received by a multicast address.

**Broadcast**

Counts the total number of good packets that were received by a broadcast address.

**Show/Hide**

Check whether or not to display Multicast, Broadcast, and Unicast Packets.

**Clear**

Clicking this button clears all statistics counters on this window.

**View Table**

Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a table rather than a line graph.

**View Line Chart**

Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a line graph rather than a table.

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## Transmitted (TX)

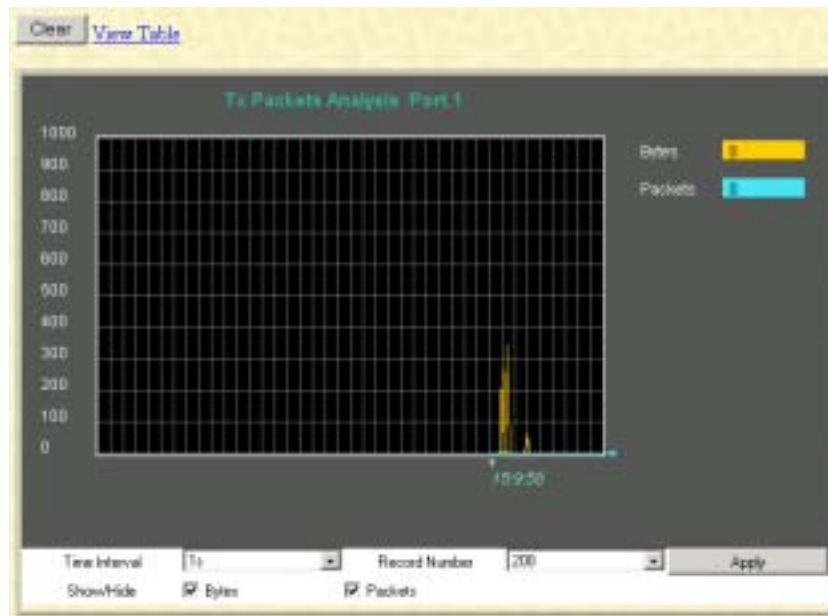
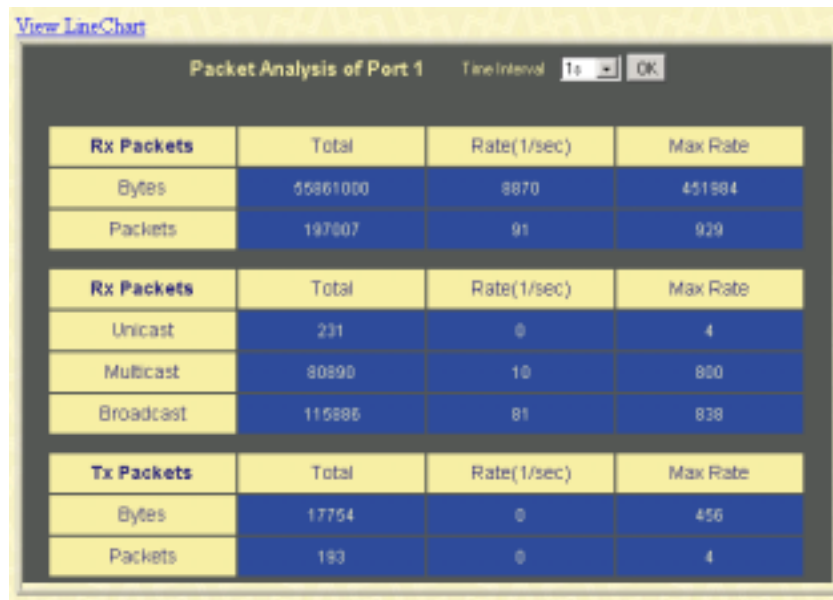


Figure 6-47. Tx Packets Analysis window (line graph for Bytes and Packets)



**Figure 6-48. Tx Packets Analysis window (table for Bytes and Packets)**

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between <i>1s</i> and <i>60s</i> , where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between <i>20</i> and <i>200</i> . The default value is <i>20</i> .
<b>Bytes</b>	Counts the number of bytes successfully sent from the port.

<b>Packets</b>	Counts the number of packets successfully sent on the port.
<b>Show/Hide</b>	Check whether or not to display Bytes and Packets.
<b>Clear</b>	Clicking this button clears all statistics counters on this window.
<b>View Table</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a table rather than a line graph.
<b>View Line Chart</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a line graph rather than a table.

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## ***Errors***

The Web Manager allows port error statistics compiled by the Switch's management agent to be viewed as either a line graph or a table. Four windows are offered.

## Received (RX)

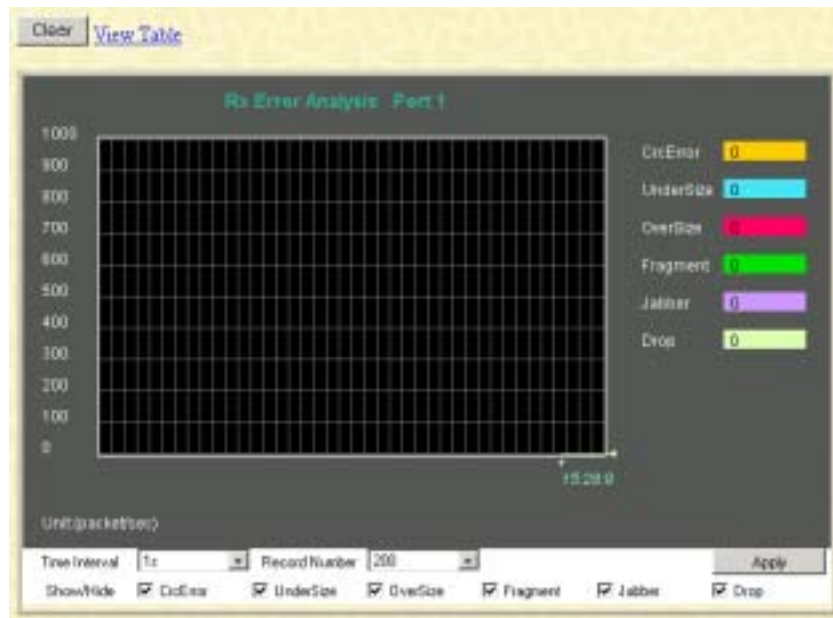


Figure 6-49. Rx Error Analysis window (line graph)

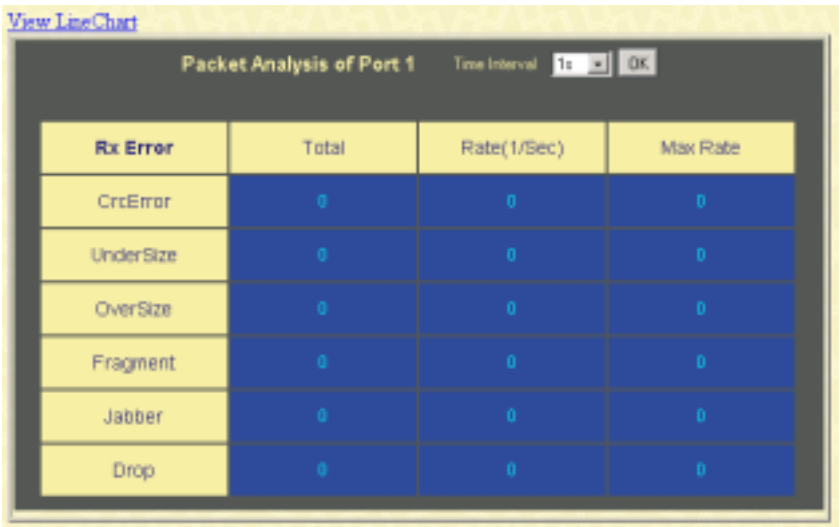


Figure 6-50. Rx Error Analysis window (table)

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between <i>1s</i> and <i>60s</i> , where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between <i>20</i> and <i>200</i> . The default value is <i>20</i> .
<b>CrcError</b>	Counts otherwise valid frames that did not end on a byte (octet) boundary.
<b>UnderSize</b>	The number of frames detected that are less than the minimum permitted



are less than the minimum permitted frame size of 64 bytes and have a good CRC. Undersize frames usually indicate collision fragments, a normal network occurrence.

<b>OverSize</b>	Counts packets received that were longer than 1518 octets, or if a VLAN frame 1522 octets, and less than the MAX_PKT_LEN. Internally, MAX_PKT_LEN is equal to 1522.
<b>Fragment</b>	The number of packets less than 64 bytes with either bad framing or an invalid CRC. These are normally the result of collisions.
<b>Jabber</b>	The number of frames with lengths more than the MAX_PKT_LEN bytes. Internally, MAX_PKT_LEN is equal to 1522.
<b>Drop</b>	The number of frames that are dropped by this port since the last Switch reboot.
<b>Show/Hide</b>	Check whether or not to display CrcError, UnderSize, OverSize, Fragment, Jabber, and Drop errors.
<b>Clear</b>	Clicking this button clears all statistics counters on this window.
<b>View Table</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a table rather than a line graph.
<b>View Line Chart</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a line graph rather

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than a table.

Transmitted (TX)

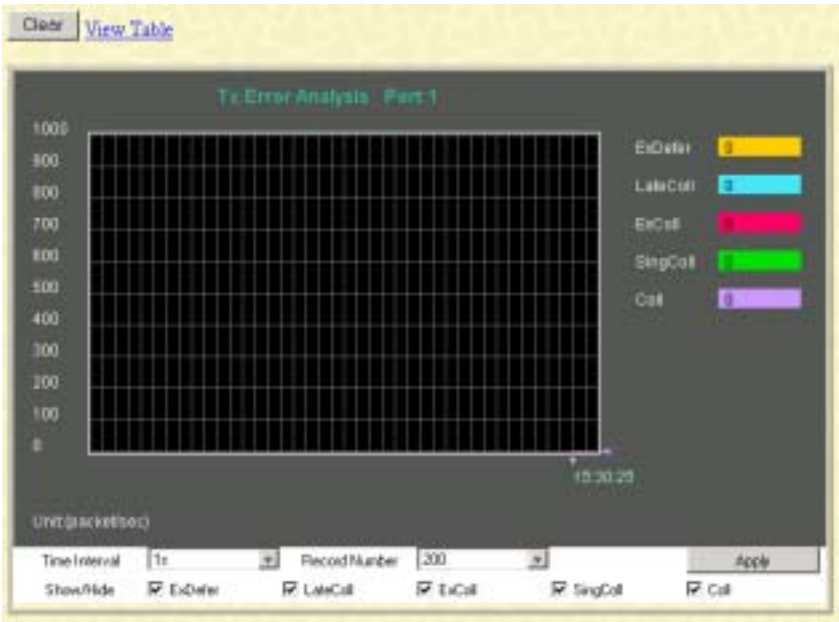


Figure 6-51. Tx Error Analysis window (line graph)

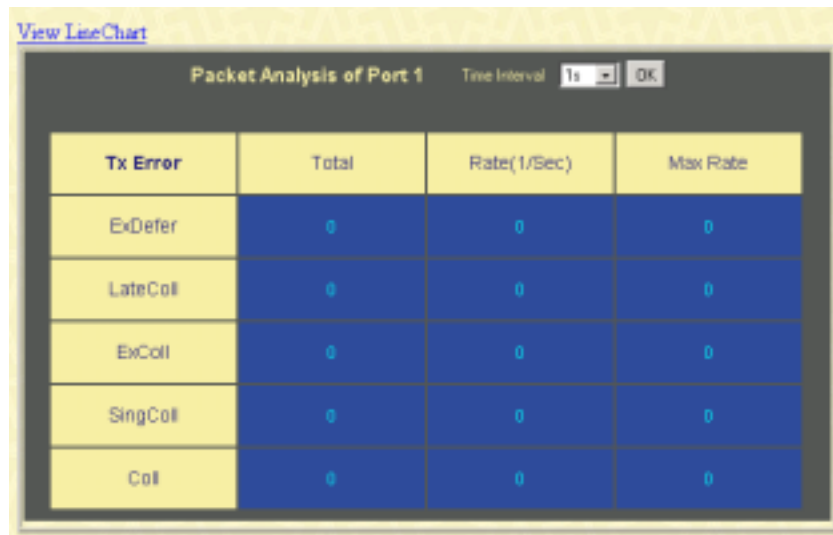


Figure 6-52. Tx Error Analysis window (table)

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between <i>1s</i> and <i>60s</i> , where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between <i>20</i> and <i>200</i> . The default value is <i>20</i> .
<b>ExDefer</b>	Counts the number of frames for which the first transmission attempt on a particular interface was delayed because the medium was busy.

<b>LateColl</b>	Counts the number of times that a collision is detected later than 512 bit-times into the transmission of a packet.
<b>Show/Hide</b>	Check whether or not to display ExDefer, LateColl, ExColl, SingColl, and Coll errors.
<b>Clear</b>	Clicking this button clears all statistics counters on this window.
<b>View Table</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a table rather than a line graph.
<b>View Line Chart</b>	Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a line graph rather than a table.

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## Size

The Web Manager allows packets received by the Switch, arranged in six groups, to be viewed as either a line graph or a table. Two windows are offered.



Figure 6-53. Rx Size Analysis window (line graph)

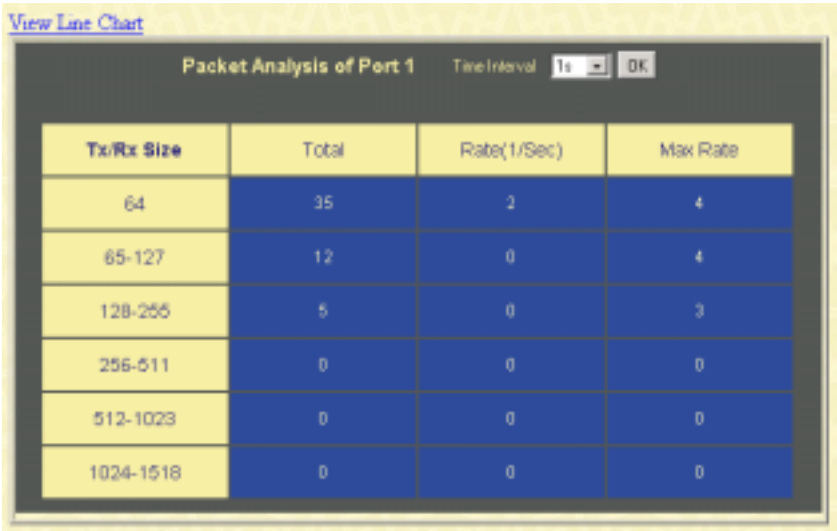


Figure 6-54. Rx Size Analysis window (table)

The following fields can be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Time Interval [1s]</b>	Select the desired setting between 1s and 60s, where “s” stands for seconds. The default value is one second.
<b>Record Number [200]</b>	Select number of times the Switch will be polled between 20 and 200. The default value is 20.
<b>64</b>	The total number of packets (including bad packets) received that were 64 octets in length (excluding framing bits but including FCS octets).

<b>65-127</b>	The total number of packets (including bad packets) received that were between 65 and 127 octets in length inclusive (excluding framing bits but including FCS octets).
<b>128-255</b>	The total number of packets (including bad packets) received that were between 128 and 255 octets in length inclusive (excluding framing bits but including FCS octets).
<b>256-511</b>	The total number of packets (including bad packets) received that were between 256 and 511 octets in length inclusive (excluding framing bits but including FCS octets).
<b>512-1023</b>	The total number of packets (including bad packets) received that were between 512 and 1023 octets in length inclusive (excluding framing bits but including FCS octets).
<b>1024-1518</b>	The total number of packets (including bad packets) received that were between 1024 and 1518 octets in length inclusive (excluding framing bits but including FCS octets).
<b>Show/Hide</b>	Check whether or not to display 64, 65-127, 128-255, 256-511, 512-1023, and 1024-1518 packets received.
<b>Clear</b>	Clicking this button clears all <del>statistics counters on this window</del>

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statistics counters on this window.

- View Table**

Clicking this button instructs the switch to display a table rather than a line graph.
- View Line Chart**

Clicking this button instructs the Switch to display a line graph rather than a table.

## MAC Address

This allows the switch’s dynamic MAC address forwarding table to be viewed. When the switch learns an association between a MAC address and a port number, it makes an entry into its forwarding table. These entries are then used to forward packets through the switch.

***To view the MAC address forwarding table, from the Monitoring menu, click the MAC Address link:***

VLAN ID

Find

Clear

MAC Address

00-00-00-00-00-00

Find

Clear

Port

Port 1

Find

Clear

View All Entry

Clear All Entry

Total Entries: 3

MAC Address Table

VID	MAC Address	Port	Learned
1	00-01-02-03-04-00	CPU	Self
1	00-01-02-03-04-05	1	Dynamic
1	00-50-ba-f4-d5-cd	1	Dynamic

Figure 6-55. MAC Address Table window



## IGMP Snooping Group

This allows the switch's IGMP Snooping table to be viewed. IGMP Snooping allows the switch to read the Multicast Group IP address and the corresponding MAC address from IGMP packets that pass through the switch. The number of IGMP reports that were snooped is displayed in the **Reports** field.

**To view the IGMP Snooping table, click IGMP Snooping Group on the Monitoring menu:**

IGMP Snooping Table				
VLAN ID	Multicast Group	MAC Address	Queries	Reports
0	0.0.0.0	00:00:00:00:00:00	Disabled	0

Ports

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

Total Entries: 0

Figure 6-56. IGMP Snooping Table window

The following fields can be set or are displayed.

Parameter	Description
<b>Multicast Group</b>	The IP address of the multicast group.
<b>MAC Address</b>	The MAC address of the multicast group.

**Reports**

The total number of reports received for this group.

VLAN Status

Total VLAN Entries: 1																								
VLAN Status																								
VLAN ID					Status					Creation time since switch power up														
1					permanent					00:00:00														
Tag Ports																								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Egress Ports																								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

Figure 6-57. VLAN Status window

This read-only window displays information about the switch’s current VLAN configuration.

Router Port

This displays which of the switch’s ports are currently configured as router ports. A router port configured by a user (using the console or Web-based management interfaces) is displayed as a static router port in the first two rows of the **Router Port** window. A router port that is dynamically configured by the switch is located in the third and fourth rows.

**To view the Router Port table, click on the Router Port link on the Monitoring menu:**

Total VLAN Entries: 1

Router Port	
VLAN ID	VLAN Name
1	default

Static Router Port

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Dynamic Router Port

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

**Figure 6-58. Router Port window**

Static router ports are configured by the user and dynamically assigned router ports are configured by the switch.

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## Maintenance

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The **Maintenance** menu consists of the following folders and screens: **TFTP Services**, **Switch History**, **Ping Test**, **Save Changes**, **Factory Reset**, **Restart System**, and **Logout**. See below for further description.

### ***TFTP Utilities***

Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) services allow the switch firmware to be upgraded by transferring a new firmware file from a TFTP server to the switch. A configuration file can also be loaded into the switch from a TFTP server, switch settings can be saved to the TFTP server, and a history log can be uploaded from the switch to the TFTP server.

## Download Firmware from Server

*To update the switch's firmware, click on the **Maintenance** folder and then the **TFTP Services** folder and finally click on the **Download Firmware from TFTP Server** link:*



**Figure 6-59. Download Firmware from Server window**

Enter the IP address of the TFTP server in the **Server IP Address** field.

The TFTP server must be on the same IP subnet as the switch.

Enter the path and the filename to the firmware file on the TFTP server. Note that in the above example, the firmware file is in the root directory of the D drive of the TFTP server.

The TFTP server must be running TFTP server software to perform the file transfer. TFTP server software is a part of many network management software packages – such as NetSight, or can be obtained as a separate program.

Use the **Save Changes** from the **Maintenance** menu to enter the address into NV-RAM.

Click **Start** to initiate the file transfer.

## Use Configuration File on Server

*To download a configuration file for the switch's, click on the **Maintenance** folder and then the **TFTP Services** folder and finally click on the **Download Settings from TFTP Server** link:*



**Figure 6-60. Download Settings from TFTP Server window**

Enter the IP address of the TFTP server and specify the location of the switch configuration file on the TFTP server.

Click **Apply** to record the IP address of the TFTP server. Use **Save Changes** from the **Maintenance** menu to enter the address into NV-RAM

Click **Start** to initiate the file transfer.

## Upload Settings to TFTP Server

*To download a configuration file for the switch, click on the **Maintenance** menu and then the **TFTP Services** folder and finally click on the **Upload Settings to TFTP Server** link:*



Upload Settings to TFTP Sever	
Server IP Address	0.0.0.0
File Name	
<div>Start Apply</div>	

Figure 6-61. Upload Settings to TFTP Server window

Enter the IP address of the TFTP server and the path and filename of the settings file on the TFTP server and click **Apply**. Click **Start** to initiate the file transfer.

### Upload Log to TFTP Server

*To upload the history log for the switch, click on the Maintenance folder, the TFTP Services folder, and then click on the Upload log to TFTP Server link:*



Upload log to TFTP Sever	
Server IP Address	0.0.0.0
File Name	
<div>Start Apply</div>	

Figure 6-62. Upload log to TFTP Server window

Enter the IP address of the TFTP server and the path and filename for the history log on the TFTP server. Click **Apply** to make the changes current. Click **Start** to initiate the file transfer.

## ***Switch History***

This allows the Switch History log to be viewed. The switch records all traps, in sequence, that identify events on the switch. The time since the last cold start of the switch is also recorded.

***To view the switch history log, click the Switch History link on the Maintenance menu:***

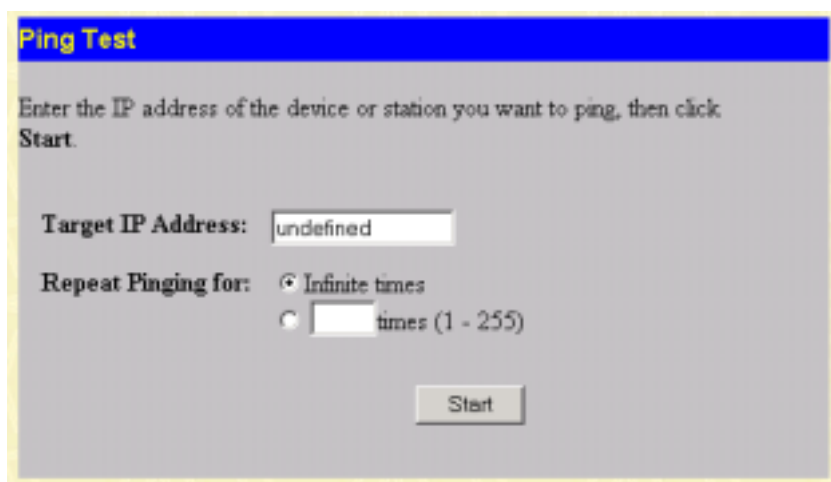
Switch History		
Sequence	Time	Log Text
59	000d00h14m	Successful login through Web (Username: Anonymous)
58	000d00h10m	Port 1 link up, 100Mbps FULL duplex
57	000d00h07m	Successful login through Console (Username: Anonymous)
56	000d00h00m	System started up
55	000d00h00m	Port 50 link down
54	000d00h00m	Port 46 link down
53	000d00h00m	Port 43 link down
52	000d00h00m	Port 40 link down
51	000d00h00m	Port 37 link down
50	000d00h00m	Port 34 link down
49	000d00h00m	Port 31 link down
48	000d00h00m	Port 28 link down
47	000d00h00m	Port 25 link down
46	000d00h00m	Port 48 link down
45	000d00h00m	Port 45 link down
44	000d00h00m	Port 42 link down
43	000d00h00m	Port 39 link down
42	000d00h00m	Port 36 link down
41	000d00h00m	Port 33 link down
40	000d00h00m	Port 30 link down
		Clear
		Next

Figure 6-63. Switch History window

## Ping Test

PING is a small program that sends data packets to the IP address you specify. The destination node then returns the packets to the switch. This is very useful to verify connectivity between the switch and other nodes on the network.





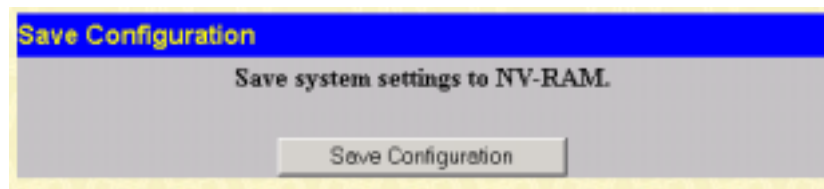
**Figure 6-64. Ping Test window**

The **Infinite times** checkbox, in the **Repeat Pinging for** section, tells PING to keep sending data packets to the specified IP address until the program is stopped.

## ***Save Changes***

The DES-3250TG has two levels of memory, normal RAM and non-volatile or NV-RAM.

To retain any configuration changes permanently, highlight **Save Changes** on the **Maintenance** menu. The following screen will appear to verify that your new settings have been saved to NV-RAM.



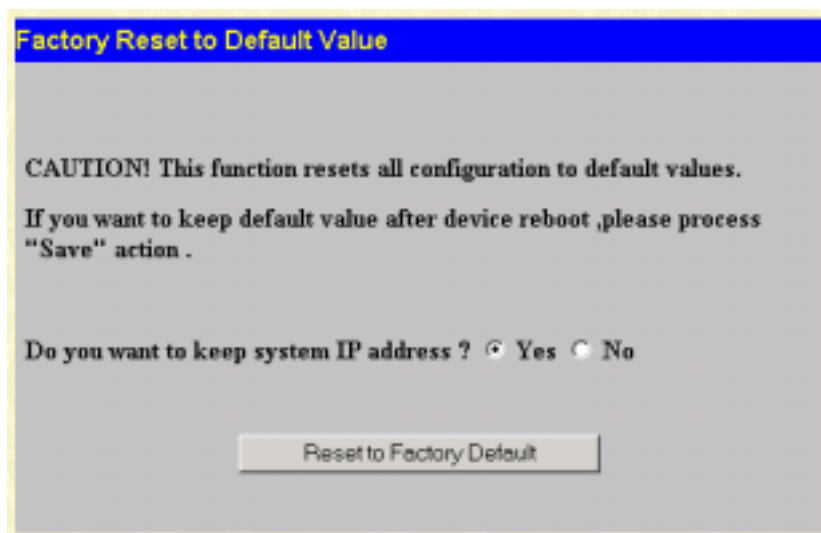
**Figure 6-65. Save Configuration window**

Once the switch configuration settings have been saved to NV-RAM, they become the default settings for the switch. These settings will be used every time the switch is rebooted.

## ***Factory Reset***

The following window is used to reset the switch using only the configuration that was supplied by the factory. A factory reset returns all configuration options to their default values and restores the switch's configuration to the factory settings.

Note that all changes are kept in normal memory. If a user does not save the result into NV-RAM with the Save function, the switch will recover all the settings the last user configured after the switch is rebooted.



**Figure 6-66. Factory Reset to Default Value window**

Select *Yes* if you want the switch to retain its current IP address. Select *No* to reset the switch's IP address to the factory default, 10.90.90.90.

Click the **Reset to Factory Default** button to start this function.

## ***Restart System***

The following menu is used to restart (reboot) the switch. Select *Yes* to save the current switch configuration to non-volatile RAM (NV-RAM), or *No* if you want to restart the switch using the last-saved (previous) configuration.

Click the **Restart** button to restart the switch.

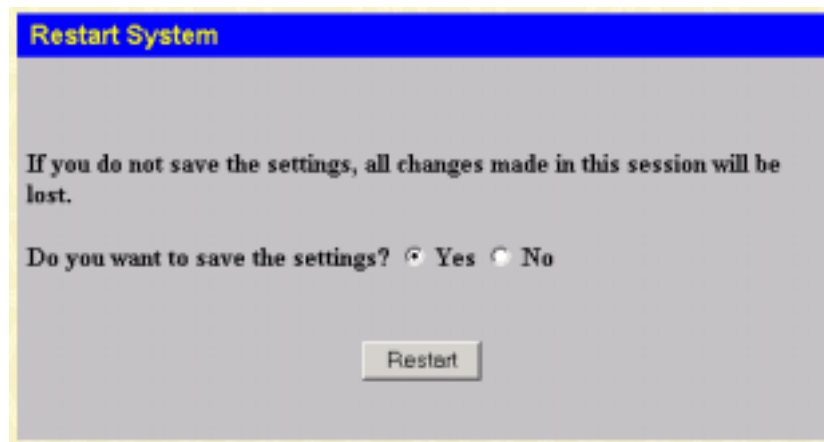


Figure 6-67. Restart System window

## *Logout*

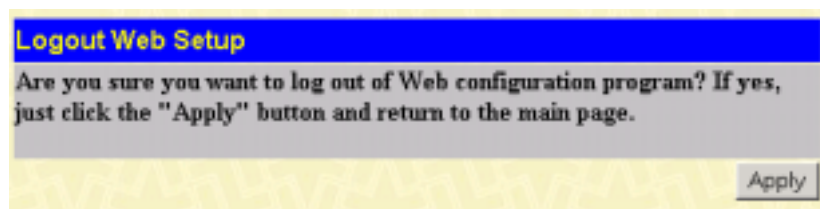


Figure 6-68. Logout Web Setup window

Click **Apply** if you want to logout of the Web configuration program and return to the main page.

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# WARRANTY AND REGISTRATION

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- Power Supplies and Fans Three (3) Year
- Spare parts and spare kits Ninety (90) days

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## A

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

General		
Standards:	IEEE 802.3 10BASE-T Ethernet IEEE 802.3u 100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet IEEE 802.3z 1000BASE-SX Gigabit Ethernet IEEE 802.3ab 1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet IEEE 802.1 P/Q VLAN IEEE 802.3x Full-duplex Flow Control ANSI/IEEE 802.3 Nway auto-negotiation	
Protocols:	CSMA/CD	
Data Transfer Rates:	Half-duplex	Full-duplex
Ethernet	10 Mbps	20Mbps
Fast Ethernet	100Mbps	200Mbps
Gigabit Ethernet	n/a	2000Mbps
Topology:	Star	

General	
Network Cables: 10BASE-T:	2-pair UTP Cat. 3,4,5 (100 m) EIA/TIA- 568 100-ohm STP (100 m)
100BASE-TX:	2-pair UTP Cat. 5 (100 m) EIA/TIA-568 100-ohm STP (100 m)
Mini GBIC:	IEC 793-2:1992 Type A1a - 50/125um multimode Type A1b - 62.5/125um multimode (SC optical connector)
Number of Ports:	48x 10/100 Mbps NWay ports 2 Gigabit Ethernet ports – 1000BASE-T (included) or Mini GBIC (optional)

Physical and Environmental	
AC input & External Redundant power Supply:	100 – 120; 200 - 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz (internal universal power supply)
Power Consumption:	30 watts maximum
DC fans:	2 built-in 40 x 40 x10 mm fans
Operating Temperature:	0 to 40 degrees Celsius
Storage Temperature:	-25 to 55 degrees Celsius
Humidity:	Operating: 5% to 95% RH non-condensing; Storage: 0% to 95% RH non-condensing
Dimensions:	441 mm x 207 mm x 44 mm (1U), 19 inch rack- mount width

	Physical and Environmental
	mount width
Weight:	4.4 kg
EMI:	FCC Class A, CE Class A
Safety:	CSA International

	Performance
Transmission Method:	Store-and-forward
RAM Buffer:	64M Bytes per device
Filtering Address Table:	8K MAC address per device
Packet Filtering/ Forwarding Rate:	Full-wire speed for all connections. 148,800 pps per port (for 100Mbps)  1,488,000 pps per port (for 1000Mbps)
MAC Address Learning:	Automatic update.
Forwarding Table Age Time:	Max age:10–1,000,000 seconds. Default = 300.

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## ***UNDERSTANDING AND TROUBLESHOOTING THE SPANNING TREE PROTOCOL***

When the spanning-tree algorithm determines a port should be transitioned to the forwarding state, the following occurs:

- The port is put into the listening state where it receives BPDUs and passes them to the switch's CPU. BPDU packets from the CPU are processed. If no BPDUs that suggest the port should go to the blocking state are received:
- The port waits for the expiration of the forward delay timer. It then moves to the learning state.
- In the learning state, the port learns station location information from the source address of packets and adds this information to its forwarding database.
- The expiration of the forwarding delay timer moves the port to the forwarding state, where both learning and forwarding are enabled. At this point, packets are forwarded by the port.

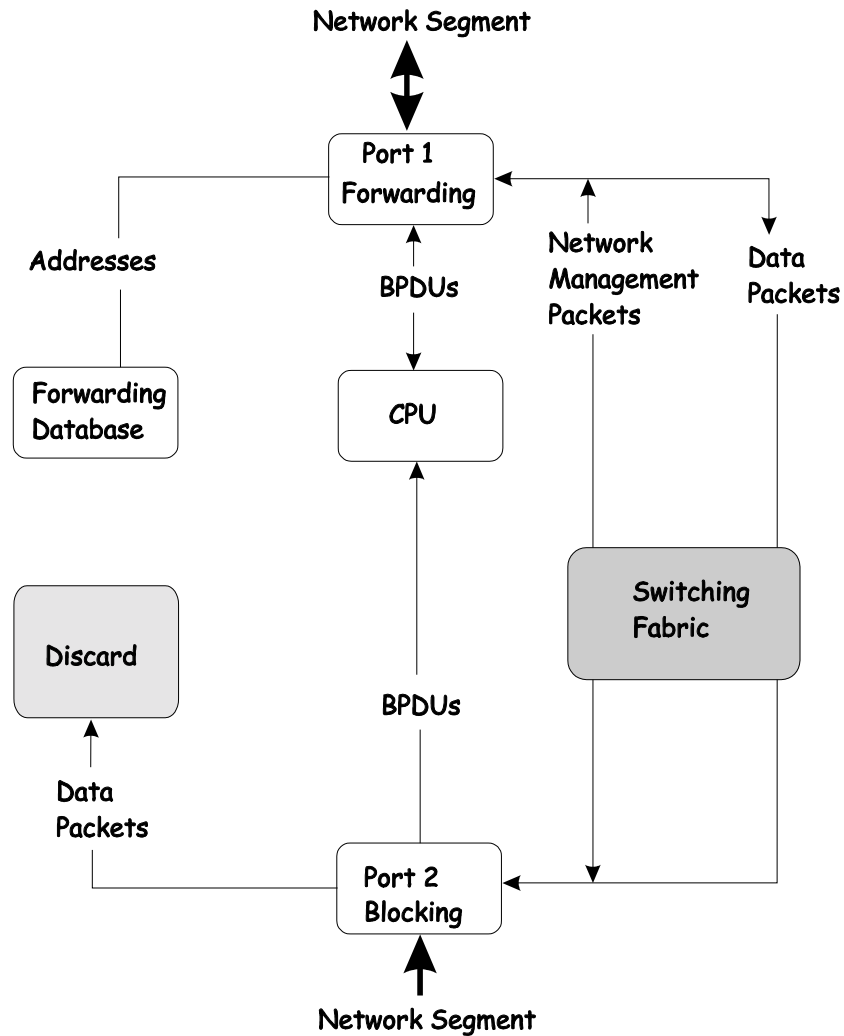
## ***Blocking State***

A port in the blocking state does not forward packets. When the switch is booted, a BPDU is sent to each port in the switch putting these ports into the blocking state. A switch initially assumes it is the root, and then begins the exchange of BPDUs with other switches. This will determine which switch in the network is the best choice for the root switch. If there is only one switch on the network, no BPDU exchange occurs, the forward delay timer expires, and the ports move to the listening state. All STP enabled ports enter the blocking state following switch boot.

### ***A port in the blocking state does the following:***

- Discards packets received from the network segment to which it is attached.
- Discards packets sent from another port on the switch for forwarding.
- Does not add addresses to its forwarding database
- Receives BPDUs and directs them to the CPU.
- Does not transmit BPDUs received from the CPU.
- Receives and responds to network management messages.





## ***Listening State***

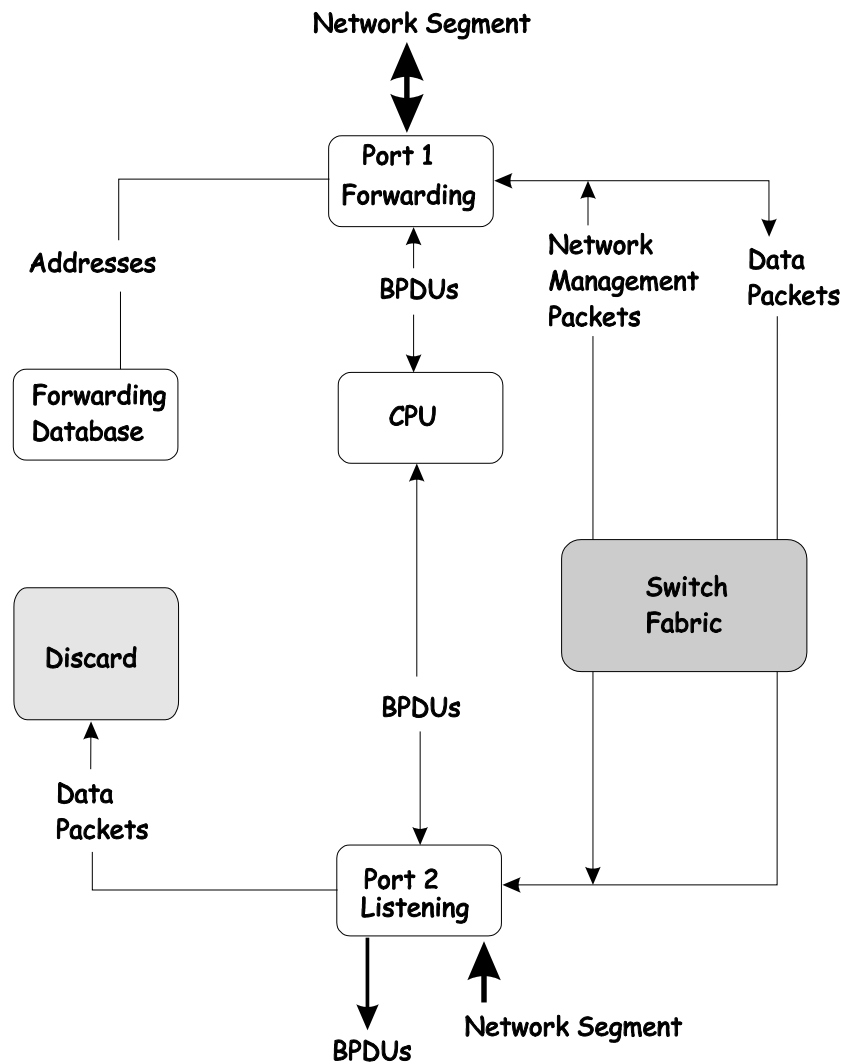
The listening state is the first transition for a port from the blocking state. Listening is an opportunity for the switch to receive BPDUs that may tell the switch that the port should not continue to transition to the forwarding state, but should

return to the blocking state (that is, a different port is a better choice).

There is no address learning or packet forwarding from a port in the listening state.

***A port in the listening state does the following:***

- Discards frames received from the network segment to which it is attached.
- Discards packets sent from another port on the switch for forwarding.
- Does not add addresses to its forwarding database
- Receives BPDUs and directs them to the CPU.
- Processes BPDUs received from the CPU.
- Receives and responds to network management messages.

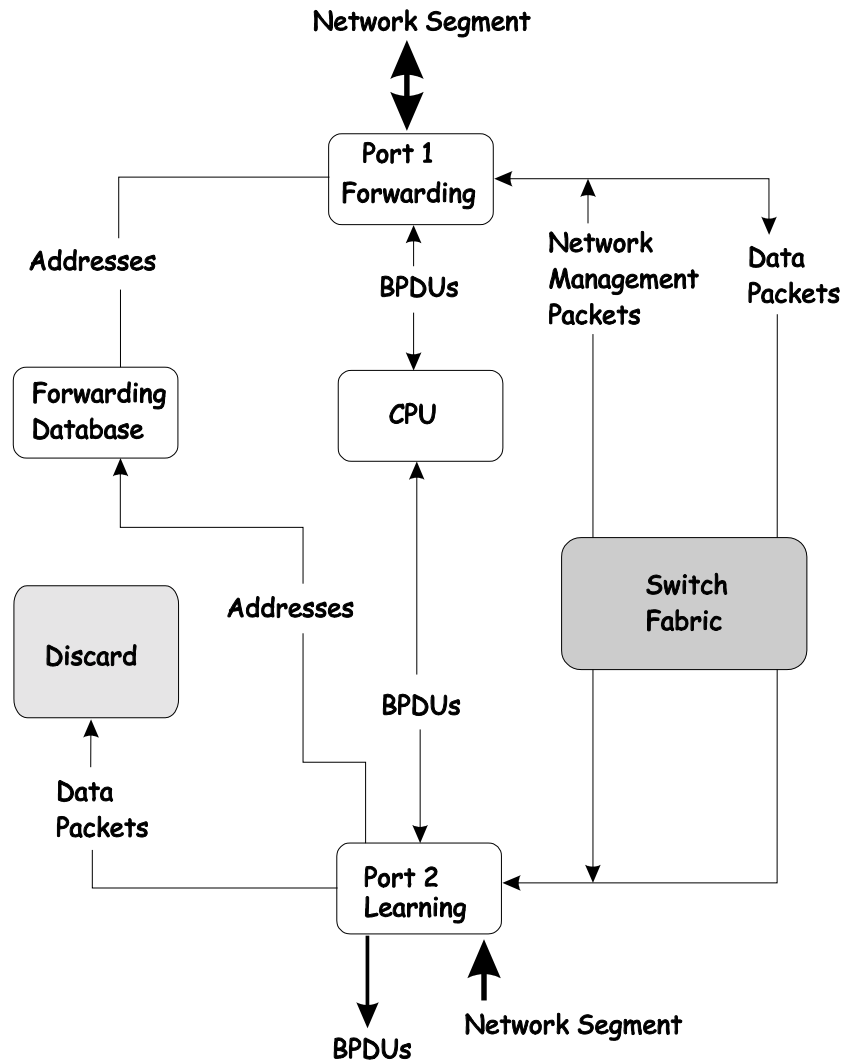


## Learning State

A port in the learning state prepares to participate in frame forwarding. The port enters the learning state from the listening state.

***A port in the learning state does the following:***

- Discards frames received from the network segment to which it is attached.
- Discards packets sent from another port on the switch for forwarding.
- Adds addresses to its forwarding database.
- Receives BPDUs and directs them to the CPU.
- Processes and transmits BPDUs received from the CPU.
- Receives and responds to network management messages.

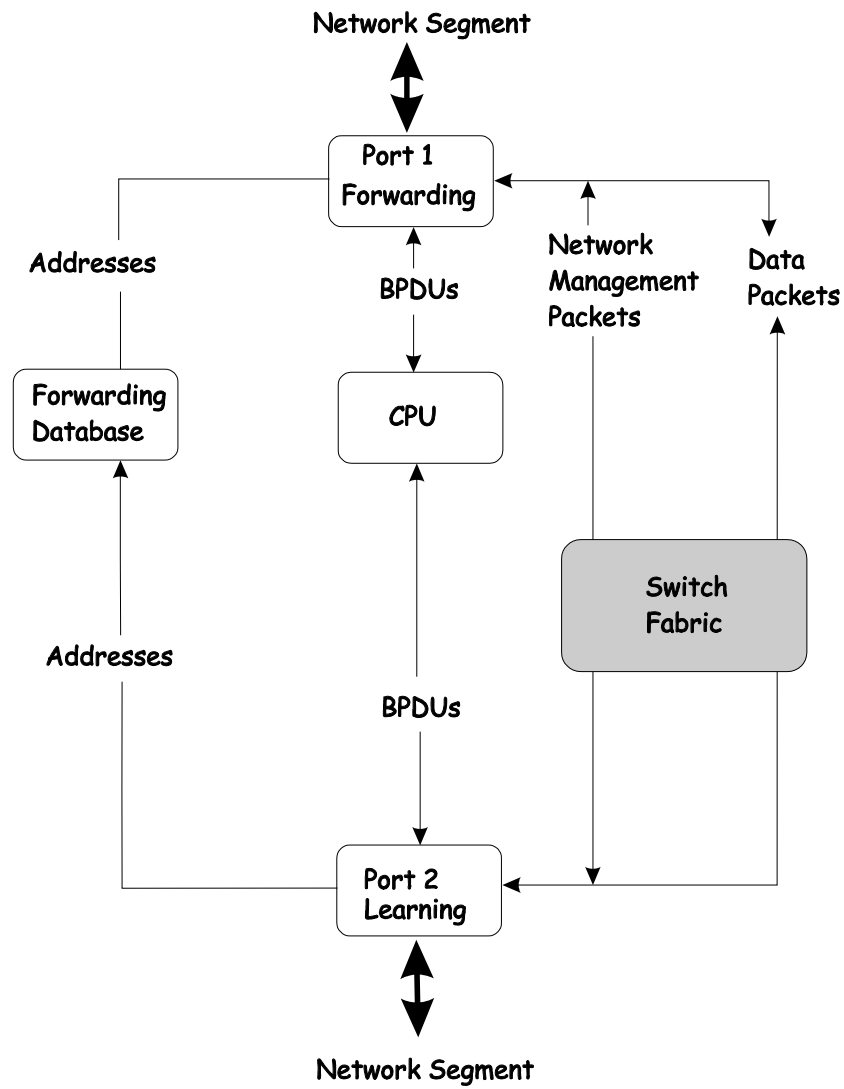


## Forwarding State

A port in the forwarding state forwards packets. The port enters the forwarding state from the learning state when the forward delay timer expires.

***A port in the forwarding state does the following:***

- Forwards packets received from the network segment to which it is attached.
- Forwards packets sent from another port on the switch for forwarding.
- Incorporates station location information into its address database.
- Receives BPDUs and directs them to the system CPU.
- Receives and responds to network management messages.



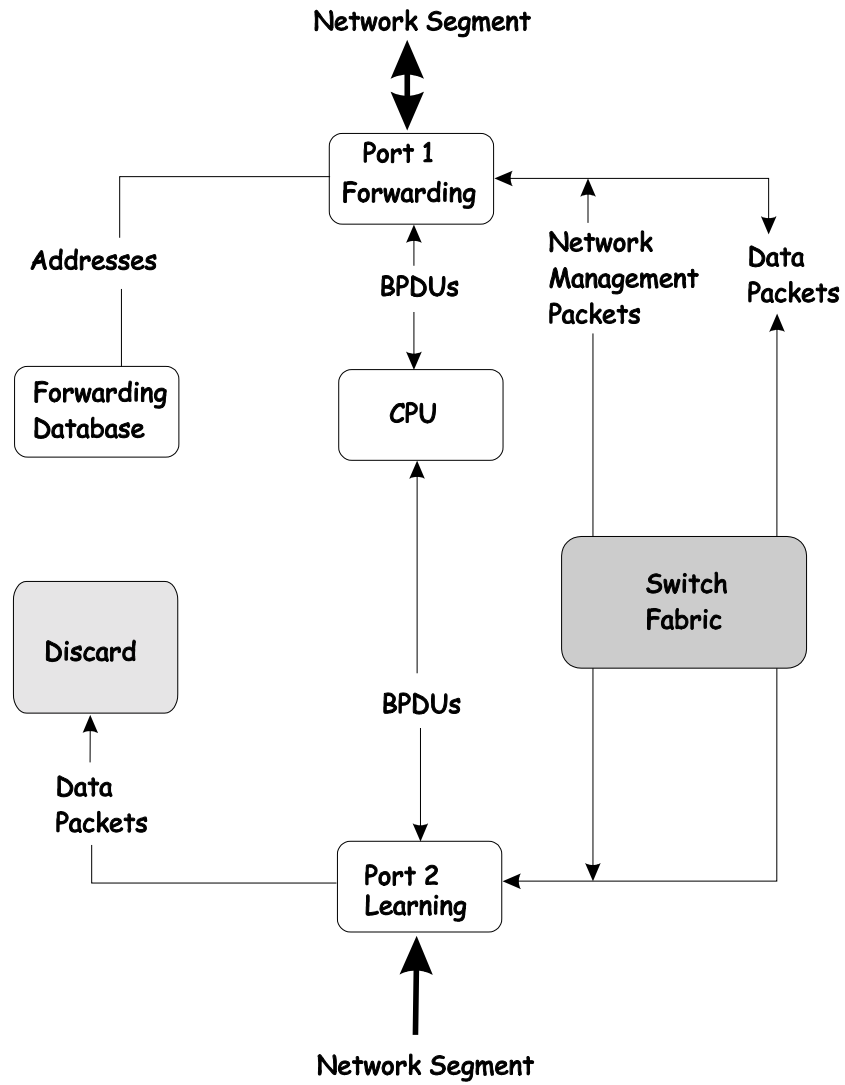
## ***Disabled State***

A port in the disabled state does not participate in frame forwarding or STP. A port in the disabled state is virtually non-operational.

***A disabled port does the following:***

- Discards packets received from the network segment to which it is attached.
- Discards packets sent from another port on the switch for forwarding.
- Does not add addresses to its forwarding database.
- Receives BPDUs, but does not direct them to the system CPU.
- Does not receive BPDUs for transmission from the system CPU.
- Receives and responds to network management messages.





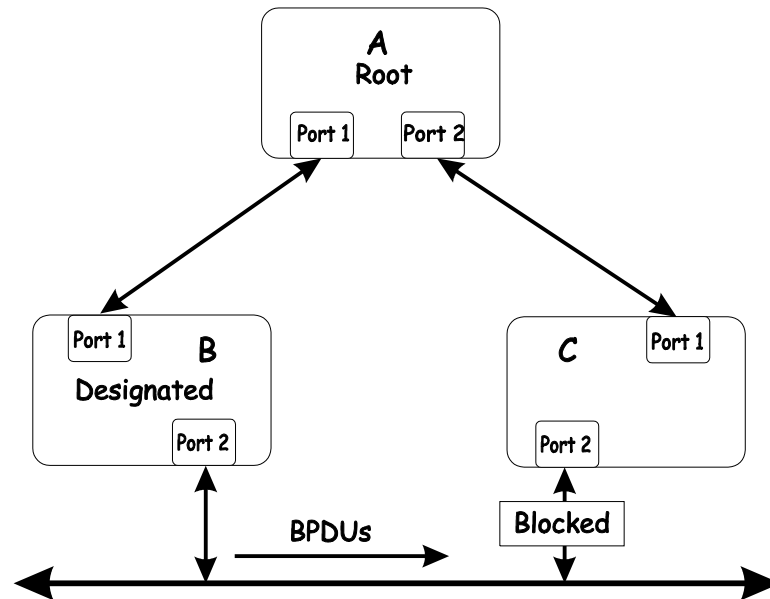
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## Troubleshooting STP

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### *Spanning Tree Protocol Failure*

A failure in the STA generally leads to a bridging loop. A bridging loop in an STP environment comes from a port that should be in the blocking state, but is forwarding packets.



In this example, B has been elected as the designated bridge and port 2 on C is in the blocking state. The election of B as the designated bridge is determined by the exchange of BPDUs between B and C. B had a better BPDU than C. B continues sending BPDUs advertising its superiority over the other bridges on this LAN. Should C fail to receive these BPDUs for longer than the MAX AGE (default of 20 seconds), it could start to transition its port 2 from the blocking state to the forwarding state.

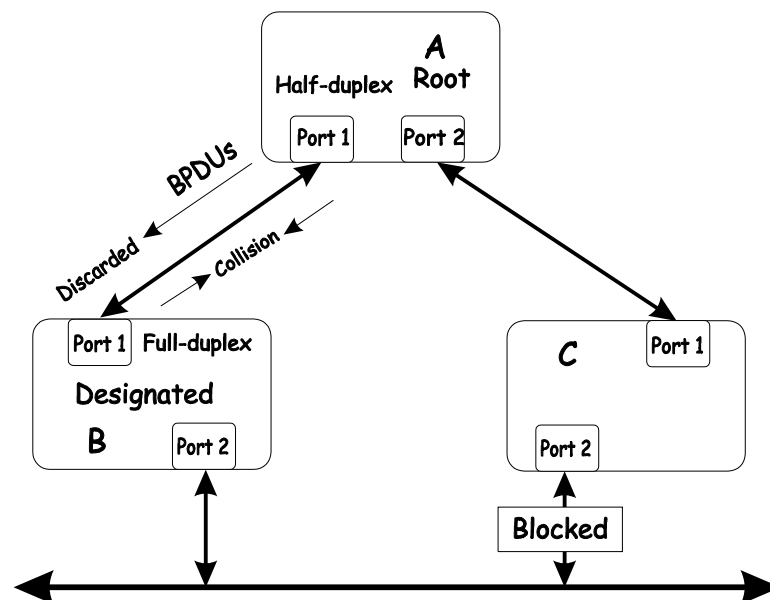
It should be noted: A port must continue to receive BPDUs advertising superior paths to remain in the blocking state.

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There are a number of circumstances in which the STA can fail – mostly related to the loss of a large number of BPDUs. These situations will cause a port in the blocking state to transition to the forwarding state.

## Full/Half Duplex Mismatch

A mismatch in the duplex state of two ports is a very common configuration error for a point-to-point link. If one port is configured as a full duplex, and the other port is left in auto-negotiation mode, the second port will end up in half-duplex because ports configured as half- or full-duplex do not negotiate.

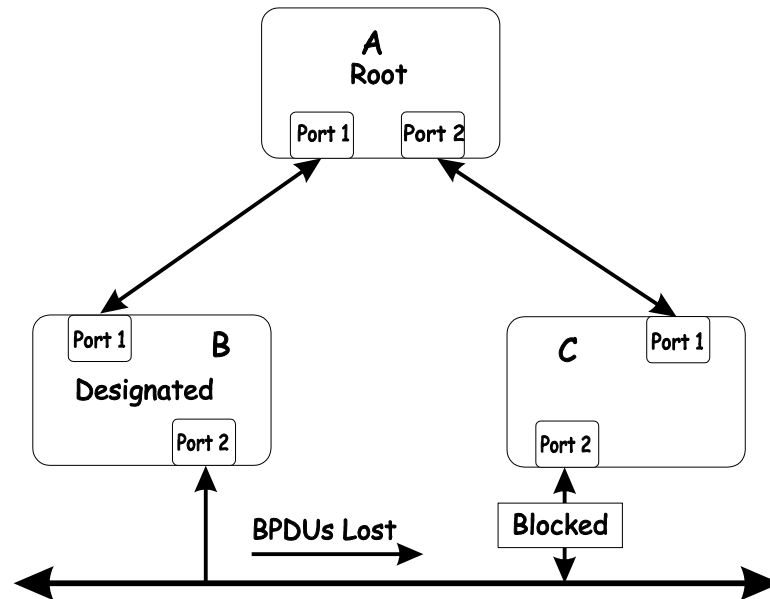


In the above example, port 1 on B is configured as a full-duplex port and port 1 on A is either configured as a half-duplex port, or left in auto-negotiation mode. Because port 1 on B is configured as a full-duplex port, it does not do the carrier sense when accessing the link. B will then start sending packets even if A is using the link. A will then detect collisions and begin to run the flow control algorithm. If there

is enough traffic between B and A, all packets (including BPDUs) will be dropped. If the BPDUs sent from A to B are dropped for longer than the MAX AGE, B will lose its connection to the root (A) and will unblock its connection to C. This will lead to a data loop.

## Unidirectional Link

Unidirectional links can be caused by an undetected failure in one side of a fiber cable, or a problem with a ports transceiver. Any failure that allows a link to remain up while providing one-way communication is very dangerous for STP.



In this example, port 2 on B can receive but not transmit packets. Port 2 on C should be in the blocking state, but since it can no longer receive BPDUs from port 2 on B, it will transition to the forwarding state. If the failure exists at boot, STP will not converge and rebooting the bridges will have no effect. (Note: Rebooting would help temporarily in the previous example).

This type of failure is difficult to detect because the Link-state LEDs for Ethernet links rely on the transmit side of the cable to detect a link. If a unidirectional failure on a link is suspected, it is usually required to go to the console or other management software and look at the packets received and transmitted for the port. A unidirectional port will have many packets transmitted but none received, or vice versa, for example.

## ***Packet Corruption***

Packet corruption can lead to the same type of failure. If a link is experiencing a high rate of physical errors, a large number of consecutive BPDUs can be dropped and a port in the blocking state would transition to the forwarding state. The blocking port would have to have the BPDUs dropped for 50 seconds (at the default settings) and a single BPDU would reset the timer. If the MAX AGE is set too low, this time is reduced.

## ***Resource Errors***

The DES-3250TG Layer 2 switch performs its switching and routing functions primarily in hardware, using specialized ASICs. STP is implemented in software and is thus reliant upon the speed of the CPU and other factors to converge. If the CPU is over-utilized, it is possible that BPDUs may not be sent in a timely fashion. STP is generally not very CPU intensive and is given priority over other processes, so this type of error is rare.

It can be seen that very low values for the MAX AGE and the FORWARD DELAY can result in an unstable spanning tree. The loss of BPDUs can lead to data loops. The diameter of the network can also cause problems. The default values for STP give a maximum network diameter of about seven. This means that two switches in the network cannot be more than seven hops apart. Part of this diameter restriction is the BPDU age field. As BPDUs are propagated from the root bridge to the leaves of the spanning tree, each bridge increments the age

field. When this field is beyond the maximum age, the packet is discarded. For large diameter networks, STP convergence can be very slow.

## ***Identifying a Data Loop***

Broadcast storms have a very similar effect on the network to data loops, but broadcast storm controls in modern switches have (along with subnetting and other network practices) have been very effective in controlling broadcast storms. The best way to determine if a data loop exists is to capture traffic on a saturated link and check if similar packets are seen multiple times.

Generally, if all the users of a given domain are having trouble connecting to the network at the same time, a data loop can be suspected. The port utilization data in the switch's console will give unusually high values in this case.

The priority for most cases is to restore connectivity as soon as possible. The simplest remedy is to manually disable all of the ports that provide redundant links. Disabling ports one at a time, and then checking for a restoration of the user's connectivity will identify the link that is causing the problem, if time allows. Connectivity will be restored immediately after disabling a data loop.

## ***Avoiding Trouble***

### ***Know where the root is located.***

Although the STP can elect a root bridge, a well-designed network will have an identifiable root for each VLAN. Careful setup of the STP parameters will lead to the selection of this best switch as the root for each VLAN. Redundant links can then be built into the network. STP is well suited to maintaining connectivity in the event of a device failure or removal, but is poorly suited to designing networks.

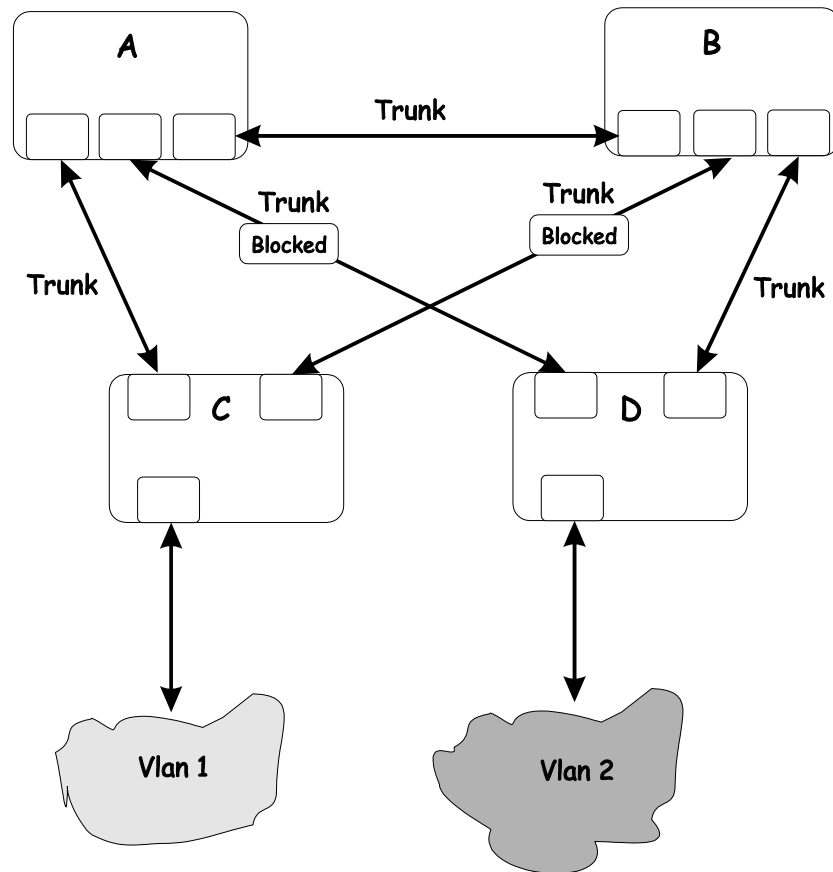
### ***Know which links are redundant.***

Organize the redundant links and tune the port cost parameter of STP to force those ports to be in the blocking state.

For each VLAN, know which ports should be blocking in a stable network. A network diagram that shows each physical loop in the network and which ports break which loops is extremely helpful.

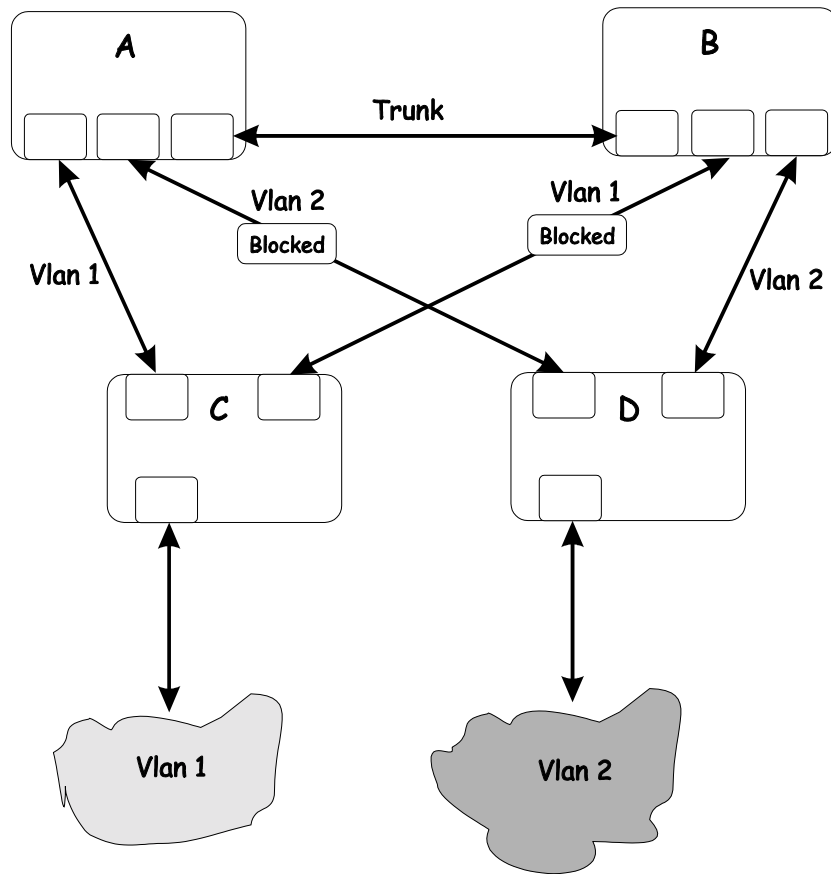
***Minimize the number of ports in the blocking state.***

A single blocking port transitioning to the forwarding state at an inappropriate time can cause a large part of a network to fail. Limiting the number of blocked ports help to limit the risk of an inappropriate transition.



This is a common network design. The switches C and D have redundant links to the backbone switches A and B using trunks. Trunks, by default, carry all the VLAN traffic from VLAN 1 and VLAN 2. So switch C is not only receiving traffic for VLAN 1, but it is also receiving unnecessary broadcast and multicast traffic for VLAN 2. It is also blocking one port for VLAN 2. Thus, there are three redundant paths between switches A and B and two blocked ports per VLAN. This increases the chance of a data loop.





In this example, the VLAN definitions are extended to switches A and B. This gives only a single blocked port per VLAN and allows the removal of all redundant links by removing switch A or B from the network.

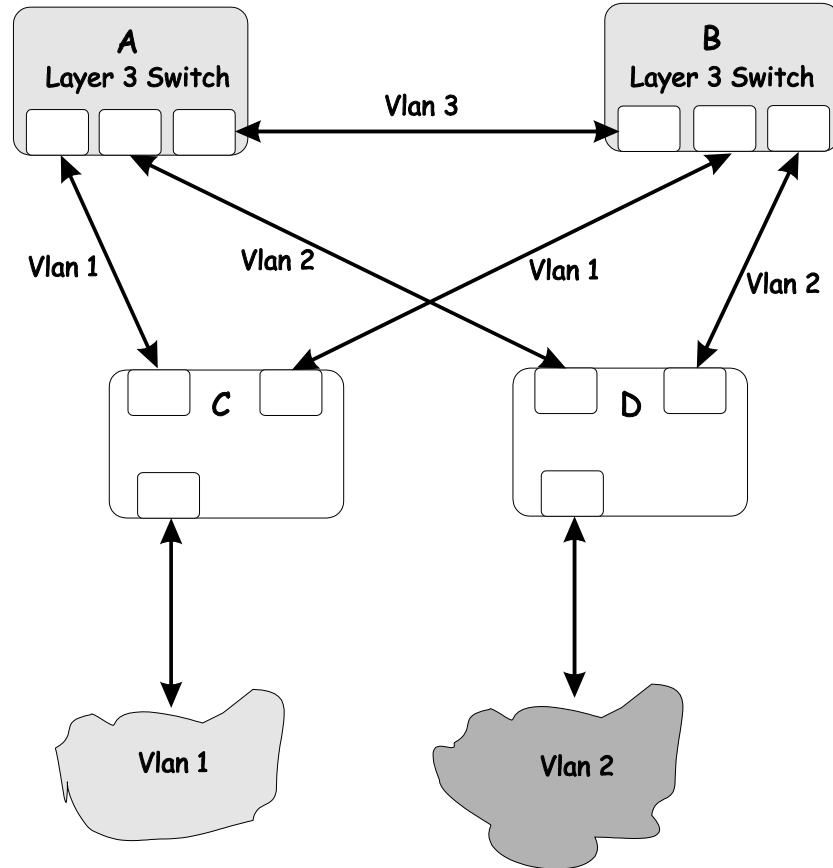
***Impact of Layer 2 Switching.***

The IP routing operational mode of the DES-3250TG Layer 2 switch can accomplish the following:

- Building a forwarding table, and exchanging information with its peers using routing protocols.

- Receiving packets and forwarding them to the correct interface based upon their destination address

With layer 2 switching, there is no performance penalty to introducing a routing hop and creating an additional segment of the network.



Using layer 2 switches and IP routing eliminates the need for STP port blocking because the packets are routed by destination addresses. The link redundancy remains, and relying on the routing protocols gives a faster convergence than with STP.

The drawback is that the introduction of layer 2 switching usually requires a new addressing scheme.



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# ***BRIEF REVIEW OF BITWISE LOGICAL OPERATIONS***

## **AND**

The logical AND operation compares 2 bits and if they are both "1", then the result is "1", otherwise, the result is "0".

	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

## **OR**

The logical OR operation compares 2 bits and if either or both bits are "1", then the result is "1", otherwise, the result is "0".

	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

## **XOR**

The logical XOR (exclusive OR) operation compares 2 bits and if exactly one of them is a "1", then the result is "1", otherwise the result is "0".

	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>0</i>	0	1
<i>1</i>	1	0

## NOT

The logical NOT operation simply changes the value of a single bit. If it is a "1", the result is "0", if it is a "0", the result is "1". This operation is carried out on a single bit.

<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
1	0

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